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Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" is given every year by the Singakademie Choral Society, that being a time honored custom with which all concerned are well pleased. This year's performance was especially interesting to Americans, because the tenor and bass parts were sung by our countrymen-George Hamlin, the well known concert singer, and Putnam Griswold, the San Francisco basso, now of the Berlin Royal Opera. The work of these two was in every way highly satisfactory, both have had ample experience here in oratorio work, having sung repeatedly with the Philharmonic Chorus and other societies. soprano on this occasion was not the equal of the two American artists, but the alto, Maria Philipp, was excel-The singing of the chorus was good, although not up to the standard of Siegfried Ochs' Philharmonic. The orchestra, as always, was excellent. Georg Schumann conducted, with evident love for the work and with care

Fritz Kreisler's second concert occurred at Beethoven Hall on Thursday, when the eminent violinist played program made up almost entirely of ancient works. Kreisler, like César Thomson, is a great admirer of the masterpieces of the old Italian and French classicists, and he plays them with rare sympathy and understanding. The Pugnani prelude and allegro in E minor was discovered by Kreisler in the library of an old Italian monastery; he introduced it to us a couple of years ago, and I was much interested in hearing it again. He played the prelude with broad, sweeping bowing and great energy of expression Kreisler, in his long, quick bow strokes, gives a strong, energetic accent to each note at the frog and point, and this, combined with the equally thrilling vibrato of the left hand, lends to his playing remarkable virility. A Louis XIII chanson by Couperin proved to be a very charming composition and was redemanded. The artist also gave an exquisite rendering of Leclair's tambourin in C major, and he "sang" Schumann's sunny, golden romance in A major with great warmth and tenderness. A rondo in G by Mozart, which was new to me, was not typically Mozartian, although it proved to be quite an effective piece. Kreisler's other selections were Handel's A major sonata and Bach's A minor fugue for violin alone; a larghetto by Dvorák, and the B flat major, B minor, and A minor Paganini caprices. He gave a magnificent rendering of all three; the closing variation of the familiar twenty-fourth caprice in A minor is of Kreisler's own invention; it is played mostly with arpeggio bow in harmonics and is very effective. Kreisler's success was enormous and he was obliged to respond with three encores at the conclusion of the program. The artist will give a third concert on Jan-

During Christmas week concerts were at a low ebb, but the flood sets in again promptly with the New Year, and there will be attractions and counter-attractions galore. The old year will still bring several important events; for this evening Traugott Ochs, conductor of the Bielefeld Orchestra, will give a concert here in the Sing-akademie with the Philharmonic Orchestra, at which the soloists will be Theodore Spiering, the eminent American violinist, and Vera Maurina, the Russian pianist. Spiering will play the Bruch G minor concerto, in which he has not been heard in public for many years, and the Joachim variations. Vera Maurina will perform Hugo Kaun's piano concerto, op. 50, which she has played with marked success in the Leipsic Gewandhaus, at Helsingfors and at other important music centers. Traugott Ochs will bring out at this concert four absolute novelties for Berlin, to wit: "Pélleas et Melisande," a suite in five movements for orchestra by Jan Sibelius, the overture to the second act of his opera "Irrlicht," by Leo Fall; an overture by Edgar Istel and the first movement from Paul Ertel's "Harold" symphony.

Engelbert Humperdinck's latest composition, a choral work, entitled "Bübchens Weinachts Traum" ("Bobby's Christmas Dream"), will be produced for the first time tomorrow at Circus Busch with the Philharmonic Orchestra, a chorus of 700, and prominent soloists, under the direction of the composer.

@ @ On January 3 Willy Burmester will give a popular concert in the large Philharmonie Hall, when he will play the Grieg C minor sonata, Max Bruch's G minor concerto, short pieces by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Von Dittersdorf, and the Wieniawski "Faust" fantasy. A new pianist, a pupil of Ernst von Dohnanyi, Emerich Stefanai, will make his debut at the Singakademie, with the assistance of the Philharmonic Orchestra and his instructor on the same evening, and the Bohemian String Quartet will also appear, giving its third soirée at Beethoven Hall, with the assistance of Teresa Carreño. At Bechstein Hall J. Mitnitzky, a young Russian violinist, a pupil of the Klindworth-Scharwenka Conservatory, in the class of Issay Barmas, will make his debut.

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Eugen d'Albert will give the first of his series of five ano recitals, in which he is to play, as the announcen informs us, "the masterworks of piano literature in their historical development," in the large hall of the Philharmonie on January 4, when he will be heard in six Beethoven sonatas. On the same evening Max Lewinger, the Dresden concertmaster, will give a concert with the Philharmonic Orchestra at the Singakademie. ~

On the 5th of January, Alfred Reisenauer, will give his third recital at Bechstein Hall, playing the Beethoven onata, op. 110, Schumann's "Humoresque," a nocturne and rondo by John Field, and seven Chopin numbers. The same evening a piano recital will also be given by Bruno Hinze Reinhold, at the Singakademie. Yet another pianist, Gwendolyn Toms, the gifted young Welshwoman, assisted by the Philharmonic Orchestra, will concertize at Beethoven Hall, when she will be heard in Brahms B flat major, the Beethoven G major, and Chopin F minor concertos. At Mozart Hall, also on this same evening, the Russian Trio, consisting of Professor Michael Press, Joseph Press and Véra Maurina will give their first concert of the season. @ @

The following day a big charity matinee concert will be given in the new large exposition hall of the Zoological Gardens, a hall with a seating capacity of 6,000. Philharmonic Orchestra, under Fritz Steinbach, Cologne; the Berlin Teachers' Singing Union, under Felix Schmidt, and Tilly Koenen, the Dutch alto, will take part. The program will comprise Brahms' glorious rhapsody for alto, male chorus and orchestra; compositions for male chorus by Humperdinck, Hegar, Von Weber, Kempter and Krause; also the "Meistersinger" overture and Beethoven's C minor symphony. In the evening, Donald Francis Tovey, a London pianist, will give the first of a series of three concerts at the Singakademie, when he will have the assistance of Joseph Joachim, Robert Hausmann and Fritz Fleming. Joan Manén, the Spanish violin virtuoso, will give a popular concert at Beethoven Hall on the same evening. He will be assisted by Augusta Zuckerman, the charming young American pianist. ~ ~

January 7 will bring several concerts of interest. Richard Burmeister will give the first of a series with the Philharmonic Orchestra. On this occasion he heard in a Liszt program, consisting of the "Pathetic" concerto in his own arrangement for piano and orchestra; 'Bénediction de Dieu," "Au bord d'un Source," Carnaval," the fifth rhapsody and the "Mephisto" waltz also in his own arrangement for piano and orchestra. This concert will take place at the Singakademie. the same date, Emil Sauer will play his concerto with the Mozart Orchestra, at Mozart Hall, in a big extra symphony concert to be given under the direction of Max Fiedler, of Hamburg. Fiedler will also give the Beethoven C minor symphony, in which Steinbach will be heard the

Still another important concert to take place on the 7th is Alexander Sebald's first recital, at Beethoven Hall. Among other things, he will play, for the first time, Paul Ertel's concerto, for violin alone.

Feruccio Busoni's second orchestral concert of the series given for the purpose of bringing out "new and little known old works," will occur at Beethoven Hall, on the The program will contain, among other things, Busoni's "Lustspiel" overture; the adagio and scherzo from a symphony by Behr, and a tone picture for piano and orchestra, entitled "Paul and David," by one Wagenaar. A program of Jan Sibelius songs will be sung on the same evening by Ida Ekman, at Bechstein Hall. Works of the Finnish composer are well known and much liked here, but this is the first time that a recital devoted exclusively to his compositions will have been given. Bernhard Stavenhagen and Félix Berber will play the three Brahms sonatas, for violin and piano, on the same date at the Singakademie.

The concert direction Norbert Salter, of Strassbourg, has removed to Berlin and taken up its quarters at Dorotheen Strasse, 61. Berlin is already overrun with concert agencies, but Mr. Salter is an able and energetic young man, and for one of his caliber there is always room Most of the engagements of the singers for the German winter opera, in London, were arranged by Salter. This is an interesting undertaking, and has been made possible by a large guarantee fund which was subscribed for by prominent people in the British capital. As various contradictory notices concerning it have appeared in the press I take this opportunity of giving the exact data, which has been furnished me by Mr. Salter. From January 14 to February 9, twenty-eight performances are to take place, including "Tannhäuser," "Lohengrin," "Flying Dutchman," "Walküre," "Tristan and Isolde," "Meistersinger," "Fidelio," "Freischütz," and Smetana's "Bartered Bride," all in the German language. The management will be in the hands of Ernest van Dyck; the chorus will mber seventy members, and at certain performances it will be augmented by the London Choral Union. The orchestra will be the London Symphony, with eighty-five musicians, and the conductors are to be: Nikisch, Schalk (of Vienna), Reichwein (of Mannheim) and Ysaye. Among the singers engaged are Kraus and Naval, of the Berlin Royal Opera; Theodor Bertram, of Berlin; Mr. and Mrs. Felix von Kraus, of Leipsic; Feinhals and Bosetti, of Munich; Minnie Nast, of Dresden; Mme, Leffler Burckhardt, of Wiesbaden; Von Westhoven and Bussart, of Carlsruhe; Hinkley, an American, of Hamburg; Aino Ackté and Felia Litvinne, of Paris, and others.

Alexander Heinemann's debut in Budapest recently was one of the most triumphant successes an artist ever had in The public completely lost its head over his nagnificent voice and warm, broad, artistic interpretations. The members of the press, too, were unanimous in their eulogies, and the manager who had engaged him paid him 400 kronen more than the amount agreed upon. He immediately made a contract with Heinemann for each season with the same society for a period of five years. The first appearance of the great baritone in Vienna was also a

Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Godowsky gave a Christmas party for Mr. Godowsky's pupils on Wednesday, when an inter-esting array of promising talent and budding artists con-Godowsky has a number of remarkably gifted upils, and some of them, notably Myrtle Elwyn, the beautiful young Chicago girl, have concertized extensively in Europe with great success. A very enjoyable evening of good cheer and good fellowship was spent.

Léon Sinigaglia's new string quartet has been played with exceptional success by the Bohemians in Leipsic, The Hague, Amsterdam and Rotterdam. It is to be played this season by the Gürzenich Quartet, of Cologne; the Wendling Quartet, of Stuttgart, and also by the Basle, Bologna and

Munich quartets. The gifted young Italian composer has also writen a violin romance, which will probably be played in Berlin for the first time on January 4 by Max Lewinger, of Dresden. The same composer's "Danse Piemontise" for orchestra has been played in Turin, Prague, Geneva, Lausanne, Montreaux, Basle and Utrecht, everywhere with brilliant success. There is a four hand arrangement of this work by Ernesto Consolo, and this will soon be published by Breitkopf & Härtel.

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The gifted French pupil of Anton Hekking, Pierre Samazeuille, of Bordeaux, has been concertising in France and Spain, and has met everywhere with signal success. From Biarritz, Nancy, Tarbes and San Sebastian come enthusiastic reports upon the playing of the young artist. At present he is making a tour of Germany.

Edmond Monod, the young French pianist, who was for six years the chief assistant of Madame Stepanoff in Berlin and who has lately settled in Geneva, will give his first concert in that city on January 18. His book, "Harmony and Melody," is being translated into German.

ARTHUR M. ABELL.

The complete concert and opera list of the week was as follows:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22. Singakademie—Bach's "Christmas" Royal Opera—"Mignon." Comic Opera—"Pariser Leben." West Side Opera—"Der Trompeter von Säkkingen." Lortzing Opera—"Martha."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Philharmonic—Philharmonic "Pop."
Royal Opera—"Hansel und Gretel," "Die Puppenfee."
Comic Opera—"Pariser Leben."
West Side Opera—"Schützenliesel."
Lortzing Opera—"Fra Diavolo."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

Royal Opera—"The Magic Flute."
Comic Opera—"Pariser Leben."
West Side Opera—"Der Zigeunerbaron."
Lortzing Opera—"Martha."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Philharmonie—Philharmonic "Pop." Royal Opera—"Samson and Delilah."

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Beethoven Hall-Fritz Kreisler, violin. Bechstein Hall—Mena Töpfer, piano. Singakademie—Ebba Hjérstedt, violin. Royal Opera—"The Black Domino." Comic Opera—"Pariser Leben." West Side Opera—"The Beggar Student."
Lortzing Opera—"Zer und Zimmermann."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Beethoven Hall-Ethel Leginska, piano, with Philharmonic Orchestra. Bechstein Hall-Fritz Becker, 'cello

Philharmonie—Lilli Lehmann, vocal.
Singakademie—Joachim Quartet.
Royal Opera—"Tannhäuser."
Comic Opera—"Hoffmann's Erzählungen."
Lortzing Opera—"Die Fledermaus."

Sight Singing Classes.

Eva B. Deming will open her mid-winter class in sight singing, ear training and choral music, Thursday, January at 3 o'clock, at 405 Carnegie Hall.

This lesson will be open to visitors who are interested in the study of music and on this occasion Miss Deming will give a short talk on sight singing and ear training as the foundation of music education, and a number of advanced pupils will demonstrate the method. Miss Deming has made a deep study of this subject, both in this country and abroad, and her work is appreciated by the best musicians, many of whom send pupils to her for this training.

Among her pupils are many professional singers who find a thorough knowledge of sight singing and the har-monic structure of music as gained through her instruction of inestimable value in their professional work.

Miss Deming has a number of pupils from a distance who are preparing to teach, and each year there is a growing demand for thoroughly prepared teachers in this branch of music.

The class which will begin January 24 is especially for singers and students who feel the need of a thorough knowledge of sight singing.

The course of study covers all the difficulties of intonation (or interval singing), dictation, time, rhythm, theory, elementary harmony, sight singing from the staff notation in all major and minor keys, with the most difficult modulations, and ensemble singing.

The classes meet every Monday and Thursday afternoon, at 405 Carnegie Hall. Private pupils are received by Miss Deming at her residence studios, at the Walton, 104 West Seventieth street.

The season at the Rome Costanzi Theater was opened by a performance of Wagner's "Götterdammerung. novelties promised are Massenet's "Thais" and "La Figlia di Jorio," by Franchetti.

MUSIC IN SYRACUSE.

Syracuse, N. Y., January 10, 1907. The program for the Morning Musical's recital Wednesday was arranged by Mrs. Charles Damon. Mrs. Freder-Honsinger played Brahms' "Rhapsodie No. 1" with a good, broad, singing tone and excellent style. Augusta Sauter followed on the program with three songs by William Charles Stickles, of this city. "It Was a Lover and His Lass," "The Hour of Shadows" and "Still wie die Nacht" afforded Miss Sauter good opportunities for delicate tone work and careful interpretations. The songs were well adapted to the singer's rich contralto voice, and she brought out the charm and delicacy of their structure admirably. William Alexander Snyder sang an aria from "Carmen" artistically. A delightful number was "The Dream River," by Edith Fortesque, sung by Mary Robbins. Miss Robbins has a beautiful mezzo-soprano voice of rich and vibrant timbre. Foote's romanze for violin was played by Ethel Connell with technical skill and an abundance of temperament. That gem, Martini's "Piacer d'Amour," and "The Morning Hymn," of Henschel, were sung by one of the most talented young singers in this city, Birney Petigrue. Mr. Petigrue is gifted with a voice of exquisite beauty and a great deal of the real musical temperament. His singing is a delight. Mr. Snyder and Mr. Petigrue closed the program with a spirited rendition of two duets, "No Furnace, No Fire," by E. Meyer-Helmund, and "Now Art Thou Mine Own," by Eugene Hildach. The accom-panists for the singers were Mrs. Richard Grant Calthrop,

William C. Stickles and Estelle Ga Nun. ~ ~

William Charles Stickles, three of whose songs were sung Wednesday for the first time by Miss Sauter, is a senior student in the College of Fine Arts at Syracuse University. His teacher in composition is William Berwald, the well known composer. Besides the three ward, the well known composer. Besides the three songs mentioned, Mr. Stickles has set to music Kipling's "The Little Red Ribbon" and Eugene Field's "Cornish Lullaby." Other songs include "The Wind," for soprano; "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose," dedicated to William Alexander Snyder, and "How It Happened." Among his piano compositions may be mentioned a suite for piano and "Valse Caprice." Although a very young man, Mr. Stickles shows a careful groundwork in the principles of composition. His works reveal talent and much originality and quaintness of conception. These qualities and a fund of clever ideas keep his compositions above the common-Several local singers are planning to use some of Mr. Stickles' songs in recitals during the season.

FREDERICK V. BRUNS.

The Breslau Opera produced the opera, "Nemo," by Count Geza Zichy, for the first time in the German lan-guage, in the presence of the composer. The work, melodious, but in antique form, had a warm reception from a full house, with many recalls after each act.

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The American planiat, William A. Becker, who is already well known here, concertised on the same evening in Beethoven Hall. Becker is a great technician, but, by reason of his "Vortrag," he also appears successfully as a thinking artist. The great applause which he received in pieces by Schumann and Chopin was fully justified.—W. Altmann in the National Zeitung, Berlin, November 27, 1906.

In Becker's conception there were flashes of genius. He is one of the virtuosos of grand style.—M. Marschalk, in the Vossische Zeitung, Berlin, November 33, 1906.

An uncommonly refined and sympathetic artist with an unusual warmth and expression. He has a beautiful singing tone, and his technic is thoroughly mastered.—Vienna Tageblatt, December 5, 1905. L. Karpath.

An artist of great ability indeed, combining feeling and intelligence.—Munich Allgemeiner Zeitung, December 15, 1905. Dr. Theodore Kroyer.

A splendid artist. He played the Beethoven-Waldstein Sonata with deep feeling and brilliant technic. His interpretation of Schubert and Chopin was poetic.—Berlin Neueste Nachrichten, January 13, 1906.

His tone is unusually velvety also in the most powerful utterances, and his technic of a very high order. Consequently many parts of the Beethoven Sonata were beautifully played. In the short adagio he showed fine judgment in dynamics, and also the Schumann and Chopin numbers were poetically conceived.—Lessman's Musik Zeitung, Berlin, January 19, 1906.

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The Music Friends' Society treated crowded houses to two magnificent performances of Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis," a public rehearsal on Saturday, and a concert on Sunday. The large Music Verein Hall was jammed. It is a charming old place. The boxes on the sides are open, and the balconies above them seem upheld by the numerous gilded caryatides. The frames of the balcony doors are high and dignified, the cornices are surmounted by reclining figures. Above the many doors Schumann and others lend grace with their busts. The decorations are in the old style, with many Cupids and much gilt and buff coloring. Whenever the music excites too much, I soothe myself by gazing at the vast, simple figures frescoed on the high ceilings. And the "Missa Solemnis" sounded well in the place. There is space enough for the most detonating climaxes.

Schalk was fortunate in having as soloists, Senius and Frau Drill-Orridge. Mrs. Drill-Orridge is an English woman and a comparatively new addition at the Opera. She enjoys popularity with her audiences, and on Sunday she sang exceptionally well.

九 九 Frederic Lamond gave another Beethoven recital. The students again in large numbers brought their books and made notes. The audiences have been numerous, as was not the case last season. If Lamond would only lighten his hands! They are heavy. But Vienna likes Lamond's conception of Beethoven. He considers him a great music god, and Lamond is his high priest. But it is just as the critic of the Freie Presse writes: "Lamond has a much better inner conception of the music than he can give voice to on the piano." This was the program: Fifteen variations and fugue, op. 35; rondo, op. 51; polonaise, op. 89; and the sonatas op. 110; op. 14, No. 2, and op. 27, No. 2.

元 元 After an absence of four years Marie Hall returned and concertized in Ehrbar Hall on Tuesday evening. The lapse of time had allowed the Viennese to forget her, and she was greeted by a small audience. But the enthusiasm fully equaled that of a larger gathering. If Miss Hall would come oftener she would, no doubt, meet crowded houses. The learned critics of the local papers testified in long paragraphs to their admiration of her virtuosity. She was assisted by Miss Louie Basche in the César Franck sonata. Besides the Bach "Chaconne" Miss Hall gave a magnificent performance of the Paganini D major concerto. Miss Basche also played a number of Chopin etudes, and Sauer a "Romane" and "Espenlaub."

The Conservatory people are having a Schumann celebration of their own. It began Wednesday evening with this program: Quartet, op. 47; three fantasies, op. odensee" for a mixed chorus; the toccata and the "Spanish" love songs. The next essay of Schumann music will be more ambitious. The head of the department of acting, the opera and acting classes, the Singverein, and the orchestra will combine under Von Perger to give a magnificent performance of the "Manfred." Von Perger has not been sparing the energy of his pupils and the performance will be interesting. From personal experience I know of the thoroughness and the high standards of Von Perger and the rest of the staff of the Conservatory. Some of the teachers are Emil Sauer, de Conne, Hugo Reinhold (in piano), Eifert (in voice), Karl Prill (violin), Robert Fuchs, Herman Graedner, and Thomas (composition), etc. 東京

I missed hearing Alfred Reisenauer, who was the soloist of the Concert Verein Orchestra on the 12th. He played the E flat major Beethoven concerto and Loewe conducted. Report has it that Reisenauer was in good form and was received favorably. Loewe conducted also Hugo Wolf's "Italian Serenade," Haydn's second symphony, and Von Reznicek's Symphony No. 2. The programs of this society are always interesting. At their next concert they will give Strauss' "Also Sprach Zarathustra." Twelve symphony concerts are the schedule this season, and "Popular" concerts Sunday afternoons. The next popular concert will be devoted to Beethoven. **RE RE**

Although Schalk conducted the performance of "Tristan und Isolde," Wednesday evening, it was Gustav Mahler, the director of the Opera, who made the important departure in Wagneriana and cut from the score sixty to seventy lines of the second act. It was a bold move and one to be commended. The second act is too long and too trying for the singers. Mahler is a strict disciplinarian and certainly a consummate musician. His orchestra is one of the very best. Schmedes and Von Mildenburg sang the leading roles in "Tristan," but both showed fatigue early in the second act, and no doubt welcomed its shortening ~ ~

A new production of "Der Barbier von Sevilla" will be introduced Christmas evening. Maikl and Selma Kurtz will lead in the cast.

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Under the direction of Felix Mottl, of the Munich Opera, Max Reger will assist as pianist in the D major Bach concerto at the fifth Philharmonic. Reger's "Serenade" will be given its first Philharmonic performance.

third work will be Beethoven's eight symphony (January (C) (C)

Godowsky will appear here again in February. mann, William Becker, Stavenhagen, Wilhelm Backhous, Kubelik, Eisner, Jonas and Dohnanyi are a few of the virtuosi booked for in January. William Becker's coming, especially, is being eagerly awaited.

Rosenthal's sensational triumphs in America are being eagerly discussed here, where the great pianist is the pride

The full list of music this week was as follows:

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I have received word by telephone, from Emil Sauer, that he leaves the Vienna Conservatory at the close of the present season, and that he will then resume residence in Dresden. The newspapers in August published Sauer's decision along with the announcement of the resignation of Director von Perger. Pupils of Sauer corroborated the statements of the papers. Sauer's going is universally regretted by press and public. Many still hope for a change in his plans, and that he will remain in Vienna.

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Hartmann in Los Angeles.

The following was Arthur Hartmann's program at his Los Angeles recital, which took place on January 11: Nania Sgambati
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At the second of the two concerts that the Pittsburg Orchestra, under the direction of Emil Paur, and the Mendelssohn Choir, of Toronto, under the direction of A. S. Vogt, are to give jointly in Carnegie Music Hall, on the evenings of February 12 and 13, the orchestra will play a set of variations of interesting history. One of the last tasks that Schumann set for himself and that he was unable to carry out was a set of piano variations on an original theme. Brahms completed the work. Years after, Emil Paur, a rising young conductor, asked Brahms to orchestrate the variations. In return, Brahms suggested that Mr. Paur undertake the work. Mr. Paur had been particularly impressed with the intrinsic beauty of the variations and their adaptability to orchestra performance, but he put off the matter of providing an instrumentation until last summer, at his home in Charlottenburg, Berlin, when he took up the work and completed it. The variations were successfully produced at a Pittsburg Orchestra con-The variations cert recently. Included in the New York concert's program with the variations is the Liszt-Busoni "Spanish" rhapsody for piano and orchestra, in which Mr. Paur will appear as pianist for the first time in this city. At the first of the two concerts, the orchestra, the Mendelssohn Choir of 220 voices and a solo quartet composed of Mrs. Rider-Kelsey, Miss Spencer, Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Witherspoon Mr. Paur's direction, will produce Beethoven's 'Ninth" symphony. Seats for these concerts may now be had at the office of the Musical Art Society, at Luckhardt & Belder's, 10 East Seventeenth street, and at the box office of Carnegie Hall.

Madame Nordica's Concert.

Lillian Nordica, looking as young and radiant as she did fifteen years ago, appeared in Carnegie Hall, Tuesday night, to sing at the only concert she will give in New York this season. The prima donna was in splendid voice, and she sang in front of a majestic background formed of

100 players of the New York Philharmonic Society, conducted by Wassily Safonoff. Charles Anthony, an excellent pianist, added solo numbers to the elaborate program, which



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opened with a superb orchestral performance of the over-ture to Bizet's "Patrie." Mr. Anthony played the first

movement of the Tschaikowsky concerto in B flat minor

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CORINNE RIDER-KELSEY prano soloist in the New York concert of the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto.

and Liszt's "Hungarian" fantasy, assisted by the orchestra. There was another orchestral number, the Tschaikowsky 'Romeo and Juliet" fantaisie, in which Mr. Safonoff revealed his magnetism and skill in getting varicolored tonal effects. Madame Nordica received ovation after ovation and many costly floral tributes. She was first heard in the Beethoven scene and aria, "Ah, Perfido," with the orchestra. This has long been one of Madame Nordica's best concert numbers, and no American born singer ever sang it more brilliantly and thrillingly. Accompanied at the piano by E. Romayne Simmons, Madame Nordica gave "Now Sleeps the Petal," by Quilter; "Meine four songs-Liebe Ist Grün," by Brahms; "Titania's Cradle," by Lehmann, and "Song of Solomon," by Cornelius. In the singing of these lieder Madame Nordica demonstrated that she is one of the prime donne who can enunciate the English and German texts clearly. There are vocalists of high rank who concern themselves too much about producing a sensuous tone, while showing little regard for the words that the audiences are trying to understand But Madame Nordica does not belong to this superficial type of singers. The artistic climax of the concert was reached in the scene from the "Götterdämmerung," in which the vibrant soprano tones rose above the orchestra, as they had often done before when the singer was the Brünnhilde in the performance of Wagner's music drama at the Metropolitan. As encores for the evening, Madame Nordica sang a song by William G. Hammond, of Brooklyn, "Im Wonder Schoenen Monat Mai"; "Im Kahn," by Grieg, and the Elizabeth aria from Erkel's Hungarian opera, "Hunyadi Laslos."

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Madame Nordica is to sing at concerts in other parts of the United States, and then join the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, now filling an engagement in New Orleans.

Cheral Union to Give "The Creation."

The People's Choral Union will give "The Creation" at the Hippodrome on Sunday evening, February 17. There will be a chorus of 850 voices and an orchestra of sixty The soloists will be anounced later

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WITHERSPOON'S NEW YORK RECITAL.

Once a year Herbert Witherspoon, the basso, delights his New York admirers by giving a recital. This annual event took place at Mendelssohn Hall Thursday afternoon of last week, and was in all things a brilliant success. From the first Mr. Witherspoon has been a singer of uncommon intelligence and innate refinement, but during the last year or two he has developed qualities that are higher even than those with which nature endowed him. Formerly his singing appealed only to the intellect, but the awakening has come, and today he touches the heart as well as satisfying the brain. The program which Mr. Witherspoon gave was another reason for congratulation. The singer himself seemed to fit into every mood that each number called for. There were some new songs on the list and some of the old ones had the charm of novelty, because they have rarely, if ever, been heard before in New York. The order of the program follows:

| Amor TraditoreBack |
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| Cantata for Bass Voice, |
| Der DoppelgaengerSchuber |
| An Schwager KronosSchuber |
| NelkenFelix Weingartne |
| Friede |
| Fuge |
| L'oiseau s'envolve, from Paul et VirginieVictor Mass |
| Si tu le veux |
| Le Gascon |
| How's My Boy?Sidney Homes |
| Why So Pale?Frank van der Stucker |
| With Rue My Heart is Laden |
| The Truthful LoverRupert Hughe |
| Meet Me By Moonlight Alone |
| The Auld FisherOld Scote |
| Black Sheela of the Silver Eye, Old Irish Arr. Hamilton Harty |

Mr. Witherspoon placed his audience under obligations for singing the impassioned cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach. The singer was fully equal to the dramatic vehemence required to set forth the despair of the soul deceived in a love affair. This setting by Bach is to Italian text, and the words translated into English prose by Mr. Witherspoon were published in the program books. One of the finest illustrations of sustained singing ever heard in Menrelssohn Hall occurred while Mr. Witherspoon was singing "Der Doppelgaenger," by Schubert. The other Schubert song and that interesting trio of lieder by Weingartner, Reger and Sinding were beautifully interpreted. Mr. Witherspoon's German is polished and correct. In the French songs the basso displayed elegance in expressing

the language and in imparting the real Gallic atmosphere. The songs by American composers showed that some of our native song writers are departing from the old fashioned style which somehow is believed to be the heritage of Americans and English who write music. These songs will make a better impression after a second and third



HERRERT WITHERSPOON,
Who will be in the quartet of soloists in the New York concert of
the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto.

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French songs the basso displayed elegance in expressing repeat "Meet Me by Moonlight Alone" and the old Done-

gal air, "Black Sheela of the Silver Eye." Koechlin's "Si tu veux" was also redemanded. Mr. Witherspoon was especially fortunate in the accompanist, Arthur Rosenstein, a young pianist, who seems gifted in the essentials that provide artistic support to high grade singing.

Bookings for Leopold Wolfschn's Pupil.

Edith Milligan, the young pupil of Leopold Wolfsohn, began a month of unusual activity by playing on January 7, at a special concert in Terrace Garden. On January 10, Miss Milligan assisted at the concert by Madame Meysenheim, at the Waldorf-Astoria. Friday of this week, Miss Milligan will play for the Daughters of the Revolution, in Brooklyn, and her program for this occasion will be devoted to works by American composers. During February, Miss Milligan will give two recitals, one in Memorial Hall, Brooklyn, on February 15, and another in Mendelssohn Hall, Manhattan, on a date to be announced later. Miss Milligan has a big repertory, and with the encouragement of her teacher, is constantly adding to her programs new and unfamiliar compositions.

Melba's Son Here.

Melba's son, George Nesbit Armstrong, and his bride arrived in America on Friday, aboard the Carmania. They went immediately to the apartments reserved for them in the Barcelona, where Melba is living, to remain as her guests for an indefinite time. Melba's daughter-in-law is a beautiful young woman, with a considerable fortune in her own right. Part of her heritage will be the famous Tufton collection of pictures, which includes some of the most noted engravings of Gainsborough, Romney, Raeburn, Reynolds. Young Mrs. Armstrong's grandfather was groom to the bed chamber to the late Queen Victoria.

New York Symphony Program.

The Mozart symphony, in G minor, is one of the works chosen for performance at the sixth set of concerts of the New York Symphony Orchestra, at Carnegie Hall, on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. (January 19 and 20). The soloist will be Leo Schulz, 'cellist. Other numbers on Mr. Damrosch's program are Debussy's charming prelude, "L'Apres-midi d'un Faun," his nocturne, "Fêtes," and the overture, "Benvenuto Cellini," by Berlioz. Mr. Schulz will play Lindner's concerto for 'cello.



FUTURE MUSICAL EVENTS IN NEW YORK

Every evening and Wednesday and Saturday matinees, intil further notice, "The Student King," Garden Theater.

Thursday morning, January 17, musicale of the Haarlem Philharmonic Society, Waldorf-Astoria.

Thursday evening, January 17, concert by the Olive Mead Quartet, Mendelssohn Hall.

Thursday evening, January 17, concert by the Russian Symphony Society, Carnegie Hall.

Friday evening, January 18, grand opera, Manhattan Opera House

Friday evening, January 18, grand opera, Metropolitan Opera House. Saturday afternoon, January 19, Young People's Sym-

phony concert, Carnegie Hall. Saturday afternoon, January 19, grand opera matinee,

Manhattan Opera House. Saturday afternoon, January 19, grand opera matinee,

Metropolitan Opera House. Saturday evening, January 19, concert by the New York

Symphony Society, Carnegie Hall. Saturday evening, January 19, grand opera (popular prices), Manhattan Opera House.

Saturday evening, January 19, grand opera (popular prices), Metropolitan Opera House.

Sunday afternoon, January 20, matinee by the New York Symphony Orchestra, Carnegie Hall.

Sunday evening, January 20, operatic concert, Manhattan Opera House.

Sunday evening, January 20, operatic concert, Metropolitan Opera House.

Monday evening, January 21, grand opera, Manhattan Opera House

Monday evening, January 21, grand opera, Metropolitan Opera House

Wednesday evening, January 23, concert by the Scottish Society of New York, Mendelssohn Hall.

Wednesday evening, January 23, grand opera, Manhattan Opera House.

Wednesday evening, January 23, grand opera, Metropolitan Thursday morning, February 7, Haarlem Philharmonic Opera House.

Thursday evening, January 24, concert by the St. Cecilia Thursday evening, February 7, concert by the Russian Society, Mendelssohn Hall.

Quartet, Cooper Union Hall.

Thursday evening, January 24, concert by the Kneisel Quartet, Association Hall, Brooklyn.

Friday afternoon, January 25, public rehearsal by the New York Philharmonic Society, Carnegie Hall.

Friday evening, January 25, grand opera, Manhattan Opera

Friday evening, January 25, grand opera, Metropolitan Opera House.

Saturday afternoon, January 26, recital by Fannie Bloomfield-Zeisler, Carnegie Hall. Saturday afternoon, January 26, grand opera matinee

Manhattan Opera House. Saturday afternoon, January 26, grand opera matinee,

Metropolitan Opera House. Saturday evening, January 26, concert by the New York

Philharmonic Society, Carnegie Hall. Saturday afternoon, January 26, concert by the University

Glee Club, Carnegie Lyceum. Saturday evening, January 26, grand opera, (popular

prices), Manhattan Opera House. Saturday evening, January 26, grand opera, (popular

prices), Metropolitan Opera House.

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Tuesday evening, January 29, Edwin Grasse's second violin recital, Mendelssohn Hall.

Thursday evening, January 31, concert by the People's Symphony Society, Cooper Union Hall.

Friday evening, February 1, concert by the People's Symphony Society, Carnegie Hall.

Saturday evening, February 2, concert by the New York Symphony Society.

Sunday afternoon, February 3, matinee by the New York Symphony Society, Tuesday evening, February 5, second Musurgia concert,

Carnegie Hall. Tuesday evening, February 3, Kneisel Quartet concert,

Mendelssohn Hall.

musicale. Waldorf-Astoria.

Symphony Society, Carnegie Hall. Thursday evening, January 24, concert by the Marum Friday afternoon, February 8, New York Philharmonic public rehearsal, Carnegie Hall.

Saturday afternoon, February 9, Symphony concert for young people, Carnegie Hall.

Saturday evening, February 9, concert by the New York Philharmonic, Carnegie Hall.

Tuesday evening, February 12, special concert by the Pittsburg Orchestra, and the Mendelssohn Choir, of To-ronto, Carnegie Hall.

Tuesday evening, February 12, concert by the Mendelssohn Glee Club, Mendelssohn Hall.

Wednesday evening, February 13, second special concert by the Pittsburg Orchestra and the Mendelssohn Choir, of Toronto, Carnegie Hall.

Thursday morning, February 14, musicale by the Haarlem Philharmonic Society, Waldorf-Astoria.

Thursday evening, February 14, concert by the Rubinstein Club Waldorf-Astoria.

Thursday evening, February 14, concert devoted to the performance of old music, Mendelssohn Hall. Sunday evening, February 17, "The Creation," to be given

by the People's Choral Union, Hippodrome.

Thursday evening, February 21, concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Carnegie Hall.

Thursday evening, February 21, concert by the Marum Quartet, Cooper Union Hall.

Friday evening, February 22, concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Baptist Temple, Brooklyn.

Saturday afternoon, February 23, matinee by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Carnegie Hall.

Russell Makes a Record With "La Boheme."

In view of the contention over "La Boheme," with a recent court decision in favor of Mr. Hammerstein, and the composer himself about to appear in this country, it is interesting to note that the Puccini opera has already been produced five times this season by Henry Russell. It has proved in New Orleans to be one of the most popular operas in the San Carlo repertory.

The last performance, given on Sunday afternoon (a great opera day in the old French city), drew the largest matinee audience that has ever been recorded in the historic French Opera House, even though prices were advanced 50 per cent. Mr. Russell presented an all-star cast, including Constantino, Nielsen, Fornari and Dereyne, The "Standing Room Only" sign greeted late comers.

The oratorio, "The Baptist," by Giocondo Fino, had a friendly reception at its first production at the Vittorio Emmannuele Theater, in Turin. At the same theater, the young composer, Leopold Cansone, had a warm success with his two act opera, "Valda."

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A violinist who has won recognition on two continents, both as soloist and instructor, is the young Dutchman, Jan van Oordt. His great natural musical gifts have been developed and matured by long and thorough training. He is a native of The Hague, where he attended the "Conservatoire Royale de Musique," from which he graduated at the age of sixteen, carrying off the gold medal with special distinction, the highest honors that the institution can confer. He then studied five years as a private pupil under César Thomson, and to the great Belgian master he owes his impeccable technic, pure tone, and chaste style of playing. In the fall of 1897, Van Oordt went to America, and settled in Chicago, where he remained for some eight years. During this time he taught very successfully, and also made a tour of one hundred concerts as concertmeister and soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. A year and a half ago he returned to Europe and accepted a post as assistant to César Thomson, at the Brussels Conservatory. During Thomson's concert tours he teaches his class at the conservatory as well as his own. He also has a large number of private pupils. In spite of his manifold duties as instructor, the young virtuoso has found time for concertizing, and has appeared in such great centers as Berlin, London, and other cities with unusual success. Van Oordt's repertory is very extensive and comprehensive.

Mr. Van Oordt is a legitimate and healthy musician of sound discernment. Judged as a concert performer he takes a high place, possessing, as he does, a perfect mastery of violin technic in its minutest detail. His left hand execution is facile, certain and brilliant, while his bowing is remarkable. Many of his qualities are reminiscent of César Thomson, and he is, indeed, the most distinguished of that great master's neophytes. Throughout the work of Mr. Van Oordt peeps forth the keenly artistic and musical taste of the true student, of one who, heedless of the applause of the multitudes, has ever before him as a watchword, "Excelsior."

Appended are excerpts from his European and American criticisms:

The artist set down two famous concertos for himself, namely, that of Bach in E major, and that of Beethoven—the master's solitary example. In the first named, Mr. Van Oordt was at some disadvantage by lack of adequate rehearsal and complete agreement between soloist and orchestra. He played the concerto, however, in the spirit which the composer had breathed into it, and with such command of technical resource that the audience twice recalled him to receive applause. Beethoven's concerto was not hampered by the drawbacks just mentioned. In this case the violinist asserted the powers that go to make mastery, and his performance was a marked success.—London Daily Telegraph, June 33, 1906.

That Mr. Van Oordt is a serious minded artist was shown by the fact that he elected to be heard in concertos by Bach and Beethoven. In the first of these works he was but indifferently accompanied by a small orchestra, and was not able to display his talent to the beat advantage. On the other hand he performed the first movement of the Beethoven concerto remarkably well, with breadth and dignity, and showed in the elaborate cadenza that he passesses a fine technic.—Morning Post, June 23, 1906.

Herr Van Oordt is certainly a violinist of good ability, and uses his instrument with excellent taste and skill. * * * In Becthoven's concerto in D major, the concert giver was at his best. He also gave in effective style, soli by Sarasate and Ernst.—The Standard Inne 23, 1006.

Mr. Van Oordt by no means secured the audience he deserved, for he played really quite well, aithough at the outset he seemed to suffer from some slight depression in having to play to so many empty seats. In the violin part of Bach's concerto in E major, for violin and orchestra, he seemed to find some difficulty in throwing his whole soul into the work at first; later on he put a brave front on the matter, and played with a sort of old world distinction, which Bach above all composers seems to require. In Beethoven's concerto, for violin and orchestra, he was interesting.—Pall Mall Garette, June 23, 1906.

His rendering of the Beethoven concerto, Sarasate's "Andalusian Romance" and Ernst's "Hungarian Airs" showed that he is a violinist to be reckoned with.—The Sunday Times, June 34, 1906.

Two concertos were in his program, that of Bach in E major, and Beethoven's one example. The second movement had a very tender interpretation at the hands of Herr Van Oordt; the final movement with its tripping movement was much appreciated by the audience, who twice recalled the artist to the platform. * * The rondo finale was charmingly treated, and played with masterly resource.—Musical News, July 7, 1906.

Both in the opening allegro and in the rondo he introduced long and difficult cadenzas, which he rendered with a good deal of skill, and his cantabile playing in the slow movement was marked with expression.—The Stage, June 28, 1906.

Herr Jan van Oordt, an accomplished Dutch violinist, who has already appeared in the metropolis, gave a concert in Queen's Hall last week. * * He played the solo part in Bach's concerto in E, and Beethoven's violin concerto with taste and technical facility.

—The Queen, June 30, 1906.

He displayed a big technical facility which rose to summits of astounding surety, when he played rapid passages up and down.

* * His playing reminds one very much of César Thomson, and it met with an exceedingly warm reception from the audience which was composed largely of musical connoisseurs.—Dr. Paul Ertel, Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, December 21, 1905.

Van Oordt has a splendid technic and a beautiful cantilena. He draws both soft and brilliant tones from his instrument.—Deutsche Reichsanzeiger, December 22, 1905.

Van Oordt is a violinist of fine qualities. His good taste was shown in his magnificent performance of the Sinding legende.—Berlin Vossiche Zeitung, December 23, 1905.

His virtuosity called forth prolonged applause.—Berlin Volkszeitung, December 24, 1904.

Prof. Van Oordt, of Brussels, made a fine name for himself, especially through his grand passage technic.—Berlin Die Warheit, December 23, 1905.

Van Oordt's tone is as soft as velvet, broad, strong, of great feeling and unflinching purity; his technic astounding, perplexing.

* * The public at once recognized the young professor to be a master, and showed their recognition through enthusiastic applause.

—Amsterdam Telegraaf.

His performance was superb, and he played with a rare distinction of style the concerto in B minor of Saint-Saéna, then a romance of Svendsen, tarantelle of Wieniawaki, and theme and variations of Paganini—pieces containing the most complex difficulties, and which he executed with plenty of facility. The audience applauded the young artist most heartily, whose execution in every respect was indeed remarkable.—Huy Gazette.

The young violin virtuoso possesses an extraordinary technic, the tone oftentimes sounding beautiful, but in the renditions he showed himself plainly a child of the Belgian school, which differs greatly from the German—so that it sometimes affected the audience strangely. The pieces played—the difficult concerto of Paganini and Pascaglia of Handel-Thomson—exact great requirements from the artist.—Cologne Weekly Journal.

Mr. Van Oordt, fragile of build, with a refined, rather strong face, is quiet of manner, modest appearing and seemingly wrapped up in his art. He was greeted with great enthusiasm and recalled five times after the Brahms concerto. His talent is undeniably great. There is earnestness and aincerity in his work, extremely gratifying, and a musical sympathy as well.—Chicago Tribune.

That he possesses artistic temperament and a fine talent cannot be questioned. In the ornamental and cadenza work of the allegro, he achieved his most pleasing effects, emitting many delightful tones, full of those warm singing qualities that are the despair of ordinary violinists.—Chicago Times Herald.

Mr. Van Oordt displayed considerable technical ability and evidently has a future.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Jan van Oordt, the young Dutch violinist, played the Vieuxtemps concerto with good technical skill and much appreciation. He has shown himself a valuable member of the invading army of foreign musicians.—Mail and Express.

Van Oordt has a vast amount of temperament which, coupled with his virtuosity, made his performance notable. His tones are round and full and the two solos which he played last evening were among the most enjoyable numbers on the program.—Denver, Col., Republican.

Mr. Van Oordt is a violinist of real eminence. He has a wonderful tone and plays with poetry and fire. As an encore he gave the tremendously difficult "Gipsy Airs," by Sarasate. These he played with so much fluency that their difficulties were not apparent to the audience.—Lincoln, Neb., Journal.

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Mr. Van Oordt's violin solo by Wieniawski was something akin to the marvelous. His execution is a delicate blending of power, passion, pathos and tenderness, inimitable, and the delighted audience were loth to permit him to retire even after he had given them as an encore a charming little aria, which tended to strengthen his reputation as one of America's great violinists.—Houston, Tex., Head

Jan van Oordt played the Bruch concerto with a facile and sure technic. His tone is pure and brilliant, and he has the soul of a musician, for his playing is practically and emotionally beautiful. Herr van Oordt was obliged to contribute two encore numbers.— Los Angeles, Cal., Times

Mr. Van Oordt performed the allegro from the Brahms concerto in D with much brilliancy and considerable power. He also played the Ries romance in B, the Wieniawski polonaise in D, and the Paganini Streghe fantaisie, in which the finished artist elicited the strations of approval from the audience,-Milwankee,

Manhattan Opera Repertory.

Wednesday evening (tonight), January 16-Farewell performance of Maurice Renaud, and last time of Mozart's "Don Giovanni," in Italian, with Russ, Donalda and Gilibert, and Bonci, Renaud, Gilibert, Brag and Mugnoz. Conductor, Campanini.

Friday evening, January 18-Meyerbeer's opera, "Les Huguenots," in Italian, with Russ, Pinkert, De Cisneros, Severina, Zaccaria and Arta, and Bassi, Ancona, Arimondi, Seveilhac, Mugnoz, Daddi, Venturini, Reschiglian, Fossetta and Tecchi. Conductor, Campanini

Saturday matinee, January 19—Third appearance of Melba in Verdi's opera, "La Traviata," in Italian, with Melba, Zaccaria and Severina, and Bassi, Ancona, Gilibert, Venturini, Reschiglian and Fossetta. Conductor, Campanini.

Saturday evening, January 19-Popular price performance of "Il Trovatore," in Italian, with Russ, De Cisneros and Zaccaria, and Delmores, Seveilhac, Mugnoz and Tec-Conductor, Tanara.

Monday evening, January 21—Fourth appearance of Melba, in Gounod's "Faust," in French.

More Honors for Bloomfield-Zeisler.

Fannie Bloomfield-Zeisler made her annual appearance in her own city, Chicago, some weeks ago and established a record in the size of the receipts for Orchestral Hall, where her recital was given. The Theodore Thomas Orchestra will honor Madame Zeisler by giving an extra concert in addition to the regular public rehearsal and concert, when the great pianist plays with the orchestra the dates being February 21, 22 and 23. Schumann-Heink was the only artist to receive a similar honor in Chicago with the orchestra this season. Dur-Madame Zeisler's Eastern tour, which is to include a recital at Carnegie Hall, New York, on January 26, the pianist will be heard with the Philadelphia Orchestra, and will also give a recital in Philadelphia. She will make one appearance each in Baltimore, Washington and Boston, and her itinerary covers visits to Albany, Syracuse and Buffalo.

Fairweather Lectures on the Maeterlinck Dramas.

Mary Fairweather, the lecturer and teacher, is engaged to deliver a series of lectures on the Maeterlinck, in Springfield, Mass. The course will include, "Pelleas and Melisande," "Monna Vanna" and "Jozzelle." These lectures will be given under the auspices of many cultured and fashioned women. While in Springfield, Mrs. Fairweather will be the guest of Mrs. Enos Smith, of 126 Clarendon street. Nearly all of Mrs. Fairweather's material possessions were swept away during the San Francisco earthquake last April. Like most sufferers, she has survived her losses heroically. Since she came East, Mrs. Fairweather has been a sojourner at Tyrone Lodge, Milburn, N. J. Many singers of this country and Europe have studied dramatic expression with Mrs. Fairweather. Several promising pupils are living with their teacher in her charming New Jersey retreat.

Lecture Recitals on "Salome."

Lecture recitals on Richard Strauss' one act opera, Salome," have been given before many who will hear the New York première of the work at the Metropolitan Opera House, Tuesday evening, January 22. A third lecture recital, on "Salome" attracted a large audience to Mendelssohn Hall, Wednesday afternoon of last week. Alfred Hertz, who will conduct the performance at the Metropolitan Opera House, illustrated at the piano, and Lillian Pray, soprano, and Franz Steiner (baritone, of the Metropolitan Opera House Company), sang the tremendously difficult duet written for Salome and Jochanaan.

Hartmann's California Opening.

(By telegraph.)
Los Angeles, Cal., January 12, 1907.

To The Musical Courier:

Arthur Hartmann opened his California tour last night here with unparalleled success. Finest combination of musician and technician heard in Los Angeles for decades. Audience and critics joined in ovation.

Rosenthal's Next New York Recital.

Lovers of pianistic art will be overjoyed to hear that Rosenthal will give another -though a "farewell"-recital in New York this season. The demand to hear him again in the metropolis has been so overwhelming and universal that he found it impossible to resist the voice of the box office. Rosenthal now is engaged on his long Western trip and will not return here until late in March. His farewell recital will be given in Carnegie Hall, before sailing for Europe, in April next.

Caruso's Uncle Dead.

"Henry Petronzi, an uncle of Enrico Caruso, the Italian singer, was buried in Paterson, N. J. on Wednesday, from his late home, 13 Elm street," says the New York Times.
"He was a tailor in that city many years. He died of lung trouble at the General Hospital. Caruso sent a telegram saying that his engagement and the fear of contracting a cold would prevent his presence at the funeral. He sent a wreath of flowers."

Contraito and 'Cellist to Assist Stojowski.

Madame von Niessen-Stone, contralto, and Alwin Schroder, 'cellist, will assist Sigismund Stojowski, the pianist, in his recital in Mendelssohn Hall, Wednesday afternoon, January 23. As previously announced, Mr. Stojowski will present a program of works by Polish composers.

To Play the Brahms Trio for Violin, Piano and Horn.

Edwin Grasse will give his second violin recital in Mendelssohn Hall on Tuesday evening, the 29th, when he will present for the first time in New York the Brahms trio for violin, piano and horn. Elizabeth Schaub, soprano, will also sing several groups of songs.

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Louise Ormsby Popular Everywhere.

Louise Ormsby, the well known oratorio and concert soprano, is meeting with brilliant success everywhere this son, and her present prominence recalls the brilliant criticisms which she received during her appearances in Great Britain and Ireland. Some of them were as fol-

Louise Ormsby, who is making her first tour in England, is an American soprano with a great reputation. She possesses a charming voice of fine quality, and sings with excellent taste and expression, and ranks among the leading vocalists of the day.—Plyouth, England.

It was in Paris that Miss Ormsby made her professi and her success on that occasion was so great that the critics pre-dicted for her a career of distinction. That the gifted young singer fully justified the prophecy as far as London and other cities in England are concerned, is shown by the extremely favorable opin-ions of well known critics.—Exeter, England.

Richly gifted vocally and with extraordinary breadth of style and dramatic instinct, Louise Ormsby has in an incredibly short taken her place in the first ranks of singers.—Weston-Super-Mer.

Louise Ormsby has a pleasing and sympathetic soprano voice, and sings in a thoroughly artistic style.—Belfast, Ireland.

Louise Ormsby, who is on her first tour in Ireland, possesses a sice of much richness and power. She was heard to great advan-ge.—Dublin, Ireland.

All of Miss Ormsby's American notices, relating to her recent appearances here, are as good as, and even superior to, the splendid criticisms she received abroad. For instance, the Providence Democrat says of her appearance before the Arion Club, of that city, in "King Olaf," with the Boston Symphony Orchestra: "Miss Louise Ormsby displayed a resonant and very expressive voice, and created a notable impression." The Providence Journal said of the performance: "She has a voice of beautiful quality, ample in range and of great carrying power. She sings with much grace and evident musical feeling." The Springfield Daily Republican wrote about the recent appearance of Miss Ormsby in that city: "She was best in the great aria, 'I Know That My Redeemer Liveth,' in which she brought out almost unexpected resources."

The same occasion called forth the following praise from the Springfield Union: "Miss Ormsby sang her important solos with much good taste and appreciation. suffering from a cold, she more than made up this defect by the amount of dramatic temperament and power which After her singing in Verdi's she gave evidence of." quiem," with the Pittsburg Orchestra, before the Mozart Club, in Pittsburg, the Gazette, of that city, had the fol-lowing to say: "Miss Ormsby was the soprano. In the 'Domine Jesu' and 'Libera me,' she had an opportunity to exhibit her voice, and her work was thoroughly praise-The Pittsburg Sun commented in this fashion: "Miss Louise Ormsby possesses an excellent voice, and captivated her hearers."

Mrs. Wilson a Notable Oratorio Singer.

Several of the big December performances of "The Messiah" enlisted the services of Genevieve Clark Wilnow a resident of New York. Mrs. Wilson is a notable oratorio singer, and judging from opinions taken from the papers of Boston, Chicago and Oberlin, she had fine success everywhere:

Mrs. Wilson sang with fine authority and vocal elegance, ex-elling particularly in "Come Unto Him," and in the recitatives.— Boston Journal, December 24, 1906.

Mrs. Wilson is an intelligent and experienced oratorio singer. If her interpretation is not imaginative and engrossig, it is as a rule fluent; if it is not illuminative, it is free from mannerisms and exaggeration .- Hoston Herald,

Mrs. Wilson, who long was one of our own, now calls New York her home. Her voice seemed to be fuller and larger than when last heard, but the purity, the clarity, and the ease in use are still present in enjoyable degree. It is a voice admirably suited to the music of "The Messiah," and the "Rejoice Greatly," and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," were finely given. The "Come Unto Him," was tonally exceptional, and interpretatively existing the present in the property of the gratifying, because taken at reasonably rapid temps.-Chicago Tri-December 27, 1906

Genevieve Clark Wilson, who sang the soprano solos, is vell known to need any introduction to a Chicago audie Her voice, which is sweet and true, was under perfect control is her art was never heard to better advantage.—Chicago Chronicle entrol and

Genevieve Clark Wilson, the soprano soloist, with whose singing local audiences are familiar, gave a good account of herself in the recitatives and aria allotted to her.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Mrs. Wilson is well known and liked by Chicago audiences, and last night found her in admirable voice and mood. She sang with that animation and enthusiasm that convince, with that sympathy and artistic insight that touches the heart.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Genevieve Clark Wilson of New York, sang the soprano parts with fine musical taste and feeling. Her voice is clear, high and telling, and her interpretations both in "The Messiah," and "The Beatitudes" (Franck), were musicianly and refined,—Oberlin News,

Madame Von Niessen-Stone Has Triumph in Montreal.

Matja von Niessen-Stone, the contralto, who has sev eral successful New York appearances to her credit this season, won a triumph at her recent song recital in Montreal. She sang in the Canadian metropolis under the auspices of the Montreal Ladies' Morning Musical Club. Besides the members of this club, many representatives of Montreal society were assembled to hear Madame von Niessen-Stone. This singer is a genuine interpreter of lieder, and moreover she is blessed with fine dramatic instincts. Madame von Niessen-Stone has an extended repertory in all the modern languages. Musical clubs everywhere are hearing of this accomplished artist, and many more will want to have her before the end of the The following paragraphs are from a criticism published in the Montreal Gazette of January 5:

Mme. Matja von Niessen-Stone gave a song recital on Thursday morning last in Association Hall. The recital was under the asspices of the Ladia, Morning Musical Club, and the hall was crowded with the members and their friends. Mme. von Niessen-Stone roused her audience to enthusiasm by the intelligence and musical feeling with which she rendered a long and varied program. Her dramatic interpretation of C. Loewe's setting of "Der Erlkönig" contrasted admirably with the lightness and case of her singing of the same composer's "Die Pfarrjungferchen," which followed it. The fine tone which she achieved in the first of the Schubert group of songs is also worthy of special mention. In the Hugo Wolf selections are showed that she possessed temperament in a marked degree.

The concert committee of the Ladies' Morning Musical Club are to be congratulated on having afforded the members the pleasure of hearing Mme. Niessen-Stone.



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HOTEL CECIL, LONDON, January 2, 1907.

Musically speaking, the past year has not been particularly interesting. The most important novelty, at any rate from a British point of view, was Elgar's "The Kingdom," and this cannot honestly be said to have achieved more than a "succes d'estime." Granville Bantock's "Omar Khayyam" was also much admired by the cognoscenti who were present at the Birmingham Festival, but it did not cause any great enthusiasm among the general public. Neither, for that matter, did Holbrooke's "The Bells." He writes for a colossal orchestra in such a way that he may be said to secure the minimum of effect with the maximum of means. A "Sinfonia Sacra" and a "Sacred Symphony," respectively by Parry and Walford Davies, showed there is not so much difference between "sacrée musique" "musique sacrée" after all; and Stanford's "Watts" symphony was written in the composer's happiest vein. Three new operas by British composers have also been produced during the past year-Nicholas Gatty's "Greysteel" at Sheffield, Alick Maclean's "Die Liebesgeige" at Mainz, and Ethel Smyth's "Strandrecht" at Leipsic. Of these three operas, Miss Smyth's is the only one which made a favorable impression. 在 在

The opera record has been a remarkable one. We have had, in adidtion to the usual "grand" season at Covent Garden in the summer, a season of Englsh opera by the Moody-Manners Company at the Lyric Theater in August, and the San Carlo season of Italian opera at Covent Garden in the autumn; and a season of German opera is starting at Covent Garden in a few days. Colonel Mapleson has matured his plans for the building of a new opera house; he proposes to give opera all the year round in English, French, German and Italian. During the summer season at Covent Garden the most interesting productions were the "Ring" and Cornelius' "Barber of Bagdad," conducted by Richter; Gluck's "Armide," Poldini's "Princess and the Vagabond" and Massenet's "Le Jongleur de Notre Dame." Messager's charming ballet, "Les Deux Pigeons," was also given; but the operatic public seems to care no more for this form of musical sweetmeat. The only important novelty of the autumn season was Giordano's "Fédora," in which Madame Giachetti made a great success by her powerful acting and impassioned singing. In the summer season Fräulein von Mildenberg, a dramatic soprano from Vienna, came here with a great reputation, which she fully justified. But the most sensational success of the year has been that made by Marie Gay as Carmen, of which I have written so recently. A severe cold prevented Madame Nordica from appearing during the autumn season. Other reasons for her non-appearance have been hinted at in certain quarters, but illness was the

在 在 There have been countless concerts, but few of great interest. The concerts of the Band of the Garde Républicaine, the first performance here of Strauss' "Taillefer," the visits of the Vienna Male Voice Choir and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra were among the most important nusical events of the year. Among conductors, Schalk, Safonoff and Creatore attracted the most attention, although for various reasons. Two world renowned composers, Grieg and Saint-Saens, were also warmly received. The prodigy crop seems to have been less abundant than The most wonderful infant phenomenon of the

ola; the little Polish pianist, Micio Horzowski, was a good second. The great virtuosi who usually favor us with their presence each season have duly appeared—the most successful, naming them alphabetically, have been Bauer, Busoni, Elman, Gerardy, Godowsky, Hambourg, Kreisler, Lhévinne, Pachmann, Pugno, Risler, and Sarasate. Adelina Patti has given her "farewell concert," but Joachim is still

playing.
The Promenade Concert season was summarized in a recent letter. @ @

That delectable body, "The Incorporated Society of Musicians," is holding its annual conference at Buxton this week. Professor Prout will lecture on "Bach's Church Cantatas" and Dr. Cummings on "Vocal Culture."

A change was made in the program of the opening night of Mr. Van Dyck's German opera season, began at Covent Garden on the 14th inst. "Die Miestersinger," conducted by Leopold Reichwein, will take the place of "Tristan," which was originally announced. Although Mr. Reichwein is still under thirty, he has had considerable experience and has already made a great reputation. He was born at Breslau, where he commenced his musical studies, and subsequently completed them at the Berlin Hochshule. He then conducted German opera in his native city, St. Petersburg, and Moscow. He had the good fortune to meet Richter, who thought so much of his ability that he recommended him as assistant conductor at Bayreuth. He has also conducted at Essen, Lübeck, and Dortmund, and has just been named conductor at Mannheim.

~ At the meeting of the Concert Goers' Club, on Tuesday next, Mr. Corder will lecture on Weber's "Der Freischütz," which is to be revived during the forthcoming German

Hugo Becker has made a great success with Dohnanyi's new "Concertstück," for 'cello and orchestra, at a recent Gürzenich concert, at Cologne. Becker will introduce the work to the London public at the concert of the Queen's Hall Orchestra, on February 2.

Mark Hambourg left London last week for Denmark, and will give eight recitals in Copenhagen, Stockholm and Gothenburg. After leaving Scandinavia he will travel direct to Holland, where he will be joined by his brothers, Jan and Boris, and they will jointly give ten recitals in the principal towns of Holland during the middle of Jan-**高**

LONDON NOTES.

The sudden cessation of the musical season, with its equally sudden revival, is one of the peculiar conditions of musical life in London. For weeks and months there will be an average of four or five concerts a day; suddenly they cease; then after an interval of perhaps two or three weeks, they begin apparently just where they left off; there is no gradual approach to the full number daily. Thus, for example, there have been practically no concerts for the past ten days, nor will there be any for the coming ten days, with the exception of "The Messiah" concert always given at Albert Hall, on January 1. year is undoubtedly the little Spanish pianist, Pepito Arri- and the usual Sunday afternoon concert at Queen's Hall

by the Queen's Hall Orchestra. Then about the middle of January the rush of many concerts begins again, to continue, with unabated energy, until the close of the "season," some time in next July. ~

The soloists for "The Messiah," which was sung last evening at Albert Hall, included Miss Gleeson-White, Clara Butt, Lloyd Chandos and Watkin Mills. The latter has, for a number of years, sung in the oratorio at Albert Hall on New Year's Day, his rendering of "The Messiah" music being noteworthy **心**

The program of the Sunday afternoon concert that was given in Queen's Hall by the orchestra of that name, conducted by Henry Wood, contained four overtures, the opening number being the one from "The Magic Flute," with Beethoven's "Coriolan" and Wagner's "Tannhäuser," the closing number, the "1812" Tschaikowsky overture. There were ten other numbers on the program, so there was no lack of music.

At the pantomime of "Sinbad the Sailor" contributions to the musical side of the play have been levied from several of the best known composers, among them Wagner and Dvorák. The first scene is the "Mermaid's Home," with the music of the Rhine Maidens from "Rheingold," and after the slaying of the dragon Wagner is again the source from which the accompanying music is drawn. R 18

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A criticism that has often been heard in London is that the composers in England so often set German words to music instead of utilizing English verse. But the fact is that a large fee is demanded by poets and verse makers for the use of the words, which can be sold to several composers at the same time, the fee not giving exclusive right to their use. For this reason, which adds materially to the expense of a song from which perhaps little profit is to be drawn, the authors of other countries than England are utilized, the early English poets being, of course also available without fee. When 12 guineas is charged for the use of a set of four songs the price becomes pro-

电 Christmas carols, sung by the "waifs" are no longer an institution in London, but can still be heard in the outlying suburbs. This habit of carol singing or playing has its drawbacks, as it is not until late at night, often tween 2 and 3 in the morning that the "waifs" can go their round, and the strains of often discordant music at that hour are not always enjoyable. On the following morning the "waifs" call at the various houses for a fee, which is seldom refused in this land of fees.

10° 10° That clever young violinist, Albert Spalding, has been acting the part of Santa Claus to a little girl, named Nusha, who was one of the audience at his recent concert. This little child is also very gifted, plays the violin and desires to appear on the concert stage when older. But she had no money to buy a violin, so she wrote to young Mr. Spalding, asking him if he would lend her one of his violins. In reply she received the following letter:

violins. In reply she received the following letter:

Dear Little Nusha—As your letter was addressed to the Queen's Hall, I only received it on the evening of my last concert, and in my excitement put it in my pocket and only discovered it when in Paris. I suppose you thought me very horrid not to reply before? I have sent your letter to Mr. S. T. Dann (my manager), and have asked him to give you my answer personally, and to lend you a violin, which I hope you will like. Please accept the enclosed as a souvenir of Christmas; it will enable you to give your mama a Christmas present, which I am sure will give you great pleasure. I am to be in London to play with the great Dr. Hans Richter at a London Symphony Orchestra concert on January 28, at the Queen's Hall. Will you call on me at the Carlton Hotel about 2.30 the day before? And you shall play for me on my concert

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violin—a Domenico Montaguans, dated 1701—and perhaps, if you work hard, you may play on it at your debut. If you please Mr. Dann I will give you some lessons myself. Wishing you a very happy Christmas, and hoping your mama will have more prosperity in the New Year, I remain yours very faithfully.

ALBERT SPALDIN P. S.—Write to me and let me know how you spent your Christ-tess. The violin I am sending you is the one I did most of my ork on in my student days.

It may be added that Mr. Spalding has undertaken to see that Nusha receives a thorough musical education.

Katharine Goodson sails for America tomorrow on the steamship Cymric for Boston. She will make her debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra on January 10 and will give her own recital in Boston on January 24. She is also engaged for the Kneisel Quartet concerts and will appear twice with the Boston Symphony Quartet, besides playing in Washington, New York, Philadelphia and other cities in the Eastern States. Miss Goodson will be accompanied by her husband, Arthur Hinton.

~ ~ The music of the Catholic Cathedral, Westminster, is one of the features of the Christmas celebration, and the choir is said to be one of the best in Europe. At vespers on Christmas Eve the "Magnificat" for eight voices, by Luca Marenzio, was sung, and later, immediately preced-ing midnight Mass, Tinel's "Te Deum" for six voices and organ was heard; another Mass by the same composer, for five voices, a work quite new to England, was sung at the midnight Mass. Between this and the third Mass of Christmas Day, the Aurora Mass, the music of which is Gregorian throughout, was sung, while for the third Mass Palestrina's "Hodie Christus Natus Est," for double choir, was the one heard.

The ninth number of the Folk-Song Society's Journal has just been issued and contains fifty-five ditties, collected by Miss Gilchrist and Mr. Kidson. A feature of the volume is a collection of sailors' songs

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食 食 Gottfried Galston, a young pianist who played here with success some six months or so ago, will commence, on the afternoon of January 12, a series of five weekly recitals, the program on each occasion being confined entirely to the works of a single composer. At the opening recital Bach will be the composer represented; the following week the program will be five Beethoven sonatas, then Chopin monopolizes the last program in January. Liszt is to furnish the program of the fourth recital, while the fifth will be devoted to compositions by Brahms, the selections comprising the variations on a theme by Handel, the variations on a theme by Paganini, two rhapsodies, the four "Clavierstücke" and eight of the sixteen valses.

@ @ There seems to be no lull in the number of new songs and other musical compositions announced during the holi- piece was received with great applause.

days. Whole columns are devoted to new music, while songs of all sorts and descriptions come rolling out from publisher and composer. Cupid has been supplied with a motor car in one instance, songs of the sea are numberless, but there seem to be few devoted exclusively to the present season. Probably spring will bring forth the customary number devoted to that time of the year, although there has been a fine opportunity for the past week to immortalize snow.

Signor Tosti has been named Honorary Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. He has made his home in London for many years, where he teaches singing as well as composes songs. His songs are too well known everywhere to need special mention.

唐 南 Madame Albani is about to undertake a prolonged concert tour through Australia, New Zealand and India. She will be accompanied by Wiliam Green, Haydn Wood and Myrtle Meggy. The tour will last for six or seven months.

Dr. Brewer, organist of the cathedral at Gloucester, will be represented at the music festival in Gloucester next September by a new work. At Cardiff next autumn Dr. Brewer's "Sir Patrick Spens," for baritone, chorus and orchestra, will be sung.

~ ~ Previous to her departure on a tour through America, Australia and South Africa, Marie Hall will give a farewell concert at Queen's Hall on January 29. After defraying expenses, the proceeds of the recital will be sent as a ntribution to the funds of the Simla Holiday Home for Women and Girls. The program is to include Bach's concerto for two violins, in which Miss Hall will be assisted by Max Mossel. In the numbers for violin and piano Hamilton Harty will be the pianist, and Marie Stuart will be the vocalist of the concert. @ @

While the revival of "The Yeoman of the Guard" has . been a great success at the Savoy Theater, it is announced that "The Gondoliers" will be produced on the date originally fixed. For the part of Giuseppe, one of the two gondoliers, Richard Green has been engaged. (N) (N)

The first ballad concert of the new year will take place at Queen's Hall on Saturday afternoon, January 12. ler is to be one of the soloists, Marie Tempest and Victor Maurel also being announced.

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The two act lyric drama, "Il Viandante" ("The Wanderer"), by G. Macchi, music by Enrico Bossi, was performed for the first time at the Court and National Theater, of Mannheim, under the direction of Capellmeister Kutschbach. The representation was excellent, and the

GREAT PIANISTS AND SINGERS IN TERRE HAUTE.

TRARE HAUTE, Ind., January 7, 1907. Interest in musical affairs, which has been lively throughout the season, gets new stimulation in the close appearances of Lhévinne and Rosenthal, the former scheduled for January o, the latter January 14.

This is the fourth number of the Artists' Course, which is projected by Lelia Parr, musical director of the State Normal, and has presented this season Johanna Gadski, Schumann-Heink and Corinne Rider-Kelsey, and Petsch-

An excellent private recital was given Friday by Carl Rohles, pianist and tenor, of Chicago, and Miss Schellschmidt, harpist, of Indianapolis, at the home of Mrs. N. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Harry Mottier were hostesses, entertaining about 150 guests. Mr. Rohles, who made his first appearance of the season, is a pupil of Joseffy, of New York, and Balatka, Chicago. He is organist now in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, of Ravenswood. He expects to go later to Milan for two years'

Anna Hulman, who taught for two years after returning from abroad, has returned to Berlin and is a pupil of Car-Miss Hulman will take up concert work when she

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(2) Florence Sage, who has been giving joint recitals with Mr. Collard, humorist, is in Chicago this week delivering a series of musical lectures. 南 南

The Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Carl Eppert, went to Paris Friday evening for a recital. the program, the members were given a reception by the Elks

Lillie Schulmeyer, organist, is filling the vacancy in St. Benedict's Church choir occasioned by the death of Prof. William Zoebel.

(C) (C) Hubert Snow White, a former pupil of Oliver Willard Pearce, has established a studio in South Seventh street and has taken a position as organist in the Central Presbyterian Church.

Gwilym Miles, the Welsh baritone, gave a recital Tuesday evening, under the auspices of Prof. Edward Taylor, at the Central Presbyterian Church. 2 4

Anna Bigelow will remain in Dresden this year. Her parents have returned from a visit with her.

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Wednesday afternoon, January 9, Lecture-recital on "Salome." Mendelssohn Hall.

Wednesday evening, January 9, "L'Elisir d'Amore," Manhattan Opera House.

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Wednesday evening, January 9, concert by the Flonzaley Quartet, Mendelssohn Hall.

Wednesday evening, January 9, concert by Karl Grienauer, cellist, Plymouth Church, Brooklyn.

Wednesday afternoon and evening, January 9, concert by the Choral Art Society, Association Hall, Brooklyn.

Thursday afternoon, January 10, song recital by Herbert Witherspoon, Mendelssohn Hall.

Thursday evening, January 10, concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Willy Hess (violin) soloist, Carnegie Hall.

Friday afternoon, January 11, concert by the Boston Symphony Quartet, Madame von Niessen-Stone, contralto, soloist, Mendelssohn Hall.

Friday evening, January 11, "Rigoletto," Manhattan Opera

Friday evening, January 11, "L'Africane," Metropolitan Opera House.

Friday evening, January 11, concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Baptist Temple, Brooklyn. Saturday afternoon, January 12, matinee by the Boston

Symphony Orchestra, Carl Muck, conductor, Carnegie

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Monday evening, January 14, concert by the Women's Philharmonic Society, Chapter Room, Carnegie Hall. Monday evening, January 14, "The Barber of Seville,"

Manhattan Opera House. Monday evening, January 14, "Tannhäuser," Metropolitan

Opera House Tuesday evening, January 15, concert by the Adele Margulies Trio, Mendelssohn Hall.

Madame Trotin Has Planned a Russian Evening.

Madame Trotin, a local pianist, will give an evening of Russian music at Mendelssohn Hall, on February 6, assisted by the Russian baritone, Mr. Adolfi. The program will include works by some Russian composers whose names are unfamiliar to this public, as well as names that are well known. The program will be made up from the modern Russian school, and consist of songs and piano numbers by Rimsky-Korsakow, Arensky, Glazounow, Wrangell, Kapilow, Boroffka, Parchulsky, César Cui, Karganoff, Borodin, Rachmaninoff, Tschaikowsky, Koretschenko, Grodsky, Stscherbastcheff, Iliynsky, Liadow, and Scriabine.

THE PITTSBURG ORCHESTRA AND MELBA IN BUFFALO. BUFFALO, January 9, 1907.
The performances by the Pittsburg Orchestra, Monday

night, surpassed all concerts ever given in Buffalo recalled by the writer. Emil Paur's greatness as a conductor was displayed in the playing of Tschaikowsky's fourth symphony. Melba, as the soloist, received an ovation. The prima donna sang "Thou Sweet Bird" (Handel), and the flute obligato was played by Anton Fazer, and for an encore she gave the familiar "Se" Seran Rose." Melba's incomparable voice was heard at its best in the Ophelia Mad Scene from Thomas' "Hamlet." For a second encore the singer added a French chanson, to a piano accompaniment played by Mr. Bernthaler, of the orchestra. The diva was called and recalled, and finally sang, to her own ac-companiment, Tosti's "Mattinata." The "Tannhäuser" overture, "Rouet d'Omphale," by Saint-Saëns; the dainty gavotte by Rameau, three dances from "Le Cid" and excerpts from "Lohengrin" as extras, completed the brilliant program. Convention Hall was crowded.

The new Buffalo Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Carl Hoffnann conductor, gave its first concert on Saturday night, at German-American Hall. Many excellent artists have united to make this an orchestra worthy of this growing community. Dr. Hoffmann is a leader of the dignified and magnetic order, and his directing was very successful in the overture to "Oberon," selections from "Lohengrin" and the ballet music from "Sylvia." Sara Schiebel, the soloist, performed some Chopin waltzes and studies in addition to encores, and she proved to be a charming player.

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VIRGINIA KEENE.

The new opera, "L'Idillio Tragico," by Andrea Fenetto (libretto based on Massenet's "On ne badine pas avec l'amour), had a great success musically at its first performance at the Venice Rossini Theater last month.

At the fourth Popular Symphony concert, in Dantzig, Carl Schmidt conducted his "Nordische Phantasie," the vorspiel to the opera, "Narold," by Otto Dorn, and three "Slavonic Intermezzi," by Edward Uhl.

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MONTREAL, January 7, 1907. Ellen Ballon, the wonder child pianist, whose age the parents still claim to be on one figure, gave a farewell recital in the Royal Victoria College on the 27th ult., and played the following program:

Sarabande, Passepied, from Fifth English Suite Bach
Prelude, A minor, from Eleventh English Suite Bach
Gigue, from First Partita Bach
Prelude and Fugue, C minor, from Wohlt, Klavier Bach
Concerto, F major (Italian) Bach Knecht Ruprecht
Kinderstück, No. 2..... Schumann Valse, A minor, op. 34......

The youngster has grown musically, if not physically, since heard here last. Aside from displaying a wonderful memory, she performed the entire program with a fine sense of rhythm, neat phrasing and proportional dynamic contrast. If Ellen will become a great planist some day she will certainly be a great Bach player; she seems to throw in her soul and body whenever she plays Bach. She was applauded to the echo and responded with one encore only, as the program was long. This was her last appearance in public, leaving tomorrow for New York to become a pupil of the great Joseffy. She will no doubt not appear again until her master decides that she is a matured artist. There was hardly a vacant seat in the The audience was large and an appreciative one. Ellen was presented with a beautiful gold watch by her teacher. Miss Liechtenstein, who felt proud, and had a right to be.

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The Art Gallery Association held its annual entertainment on New Year's Day in the hall of the association. The music was furnished by the Montreal Trio, composed of Herbert Spencer, violinist; L. Charbonneau, 'cellist, and N. Eichhorn, pianist. The program included the first movement from Mendelssohn's trio, op. 66. The fourth and fifth movements from Goldmark's suite, for violin and piano, op. 11; first movement from Dvorák's trio, op. 90; two 'cello solos by Wagner and Popper, and the last movement from Bargiel's trio, op. 6. Considering that the organization has only been a short time in existence, the performances were enjoyable.

At the same time the Y. M. C. Association held its annual entertainment in their hall. The soloists were: Miss Varney, the popular soprano, and Mr. Woodley, baritone

Raphael Kellert, violinist, returned recently from Europe and at present in New York, will make his appearance shortly in Montreal. Raphael is a Montreal boy; studied

the violin here before going abroad with Mr. Goulet and Mr. DeSeve. I heard Raphael on my last trip to Europe and consider him to be the most talented violinist that I know, of his age, on both sides of the Atlantic

HARRY B. COHN.

AMSTERDAM CRITICS ADMIRE ERNEST SCHELLING.

Ernest Schelling, the celebrated pianist, is winning laurels to the right and left in the principal European cities this season. In Amsterdam, where Schelling played in November, the critics penned articles that were remarkable for their analysis of the superb art of this vir-The Amsterdam criticisms are reproduced, as foltuoso.

Last night Ernest Schelling again enjoyed a brilliant triumph over the Amsterdam munic critics. His case is not an isolated one. He fared like—let me name but two out of many—Bauer and Lamond. First belittled and treated with contempt, when they were unknown, at least in this country; afterward, not because of the better insight of the critica, themselves, but by the force of circumstances influencing them, lauded to the akies without shame or compunction. I know that Mr. Schelling has no favorable opinion about the gentlemen in question, even in the stage of forced adu-

Ernest Schelling last night roused unbounded admiration and en-usiasm in the numerous audience. And the enthusiastic applause so loud as hardly any pianist ever earns here—must have borne ome to him the conviction that his name henceforth is a firmly esnome to him the conviction that his name henceforth is a hrmly established one with the connoiseeurs of this country. He played Schumann's fantaisie, op. 17, "Variations sur un thème original," by himself; a nocturne, two etudes, two mazurkas and a waltz by himself, "La Soirée dans Granada" and toccata, by Debussy, and "Isolden's Liebestod," by Wagner-Liszt. His technic is particularly large and very finished. What is all this talk about Godowsky's "Isoiden's Liebestod," by Wagner-Liszt. His technic is particularly large and very finished. What is all this talk about Godowsky's technic, as if it were the only one attainable? Perhaps, perhaps, Godowsky may "do a little more with his fingers," but I should place the quality of Schelling's technic at a higher level. And Schelling has more tone, which to me is one of the most important

Schelling has more tone, which to me is one of the most important things in the dynamics of piano playing.

As for his rendition, in the heroic passages Schelling strongly reminds me of Busoni. In emotional, essentially lyrical pieces he makes me think of Bauer. His rendition is of unquestionable superiority. At one time he moved me deeply and subtly, at another he overpowered me. And the quiet mastership pervading his play is remarkable. No distracting, fusey movements are introduced to express his emotions; only a slight emotion shows itself in his face. But, and this is the essential thing, the emotion is heard in the tonal waves produced. waves produced.

His "Variations sur un thème original" are a display of artistic technic. The theme, somewhat Scandinavian in its melodic progress, is not a poor "motif"; it is musical through and through. Really, Ernest Schelling is also a thoroughly competent composer.—Otto Knasp, in De Telegraaf, November 14, 1906.

Concert gebouw (Concert Hall) Concert by Subscription Concertgebouw (Concert Hall) Concert by Subacription.—Now that on account of the Wagner performance no concert by subacription will be given in the Concertgebouw next Thursday, we had a concert of soloists yesterday afternoon and heard the pianist-composer, Eenest Schelling. For some time Schelling was an "infant prodigy," then he disappeared from the world of art and was not heard of for some years, only to reappear as a pupil of Paderewski's afterward. The latter made of the young artist a highly efficient pianist, who everywhere enjoys a stormy success by his sensitive, finished serformance. So he did yesterday afternoon, when he first played Chopin's second concerto, and after that Paderewski's Polish fantany. Technically his performance, even in the ewski's Polish fautasy. Technically his performance, even in the difficult work of his master, was perfectly finished, and there was great admiration of his rhythmically clear and richly toned inter-

Between the above numbers the orchestra executed a composition of his "Symphonische Legende für grosses Orchester," a work composed on very broad lines and with heavy orchestral arrangement, of a form more capricious than attractive and appa.ently not making a very deep impression on the audience. The orchestra gave a very creditable performance, and also held its own in the accompaniment of the pianist in the overture, "Tannhäuser," which concluded the matinee.—Het Nieuwsblad.

The second popular concert given in the Concertgebouw (Concert The second popular concert given in the Concertaebouw (Concert Hall) last night, was another proof that the musical Society Teonkunst with these concerts largely meets the existing demand for cheap concerts. Mr. Mengelberg's orchestra executed a beautiful program. Ernest Schelling, the piano soloist, earned a repeated, warm applause after the audience had enjoyed his exquisite play in perfect silence. It was very unpleasant, however, that the audience got up and was ready for departure before the end of the last number on the program, just as the powerful "Symphonische Dichtung," by Tasso-Liszt filled the hall with its tonea.—Amsterdam Paper.

Mehan Pupils at Bretton Hall.

At the musicale of Mrs. Franklin R. Wallace, given to a large company of her distinguished guests at Bretton Hall, Saturday evening, January 5, Marie Louise Githens, soprano, and John Barnes Wells, tenor, were received with such enthusiasm as is rarely manifested at social functions. Miss Githens made three and Mr. Wells four appearances in the program, and each was repeatedly recalled. Several of the guests, known as musical connois-seurs, inquired with interest about the studies of the young artists and prophesied great things for them if they contime to develop along the admirable lines revealed in their present artistic efforts. Margaret Hoberg, recently returned from studies in Germany, contributed to the evening's enjoyment by her piano soli.

Mrs. Herbert Witherspoon Has Many Pupils.

Mrs. Herbert Witherspoon, the popular vocal teacher, is enjoying the busiest season of her experience, and her list of pupils is longer than ever. She has many promising voices in her class, besides the usual number of professional pupils, who are taking prominent places in the musical world. Among those who have not yet made their public debut is Elizabeth Irwin, a soprano of charming personality and of great artistic promise. Her voice is a clear lyric soprano of great range and sufficient power, and her capacity for hard work and study will carry her far along the road of success



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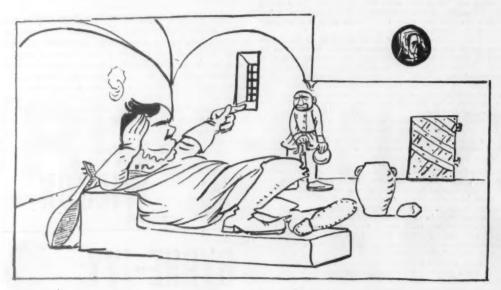
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in Europe, and some very amusing ones. The accompanying caricatures were published in the Ars et Labor, of Milan. In translation the text reads: I. "A celebrated tenor in the monkey house at New York sings a charming serenade. A dog of a policeman, who could not bear

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Chamber Music Concert.

The sudden illness of Gabrilowitsch last week necessitated a change in the program of the Kneisel Quartet concert given at Mendelssohn Hall Tuesday night. Russian pianist was announced to assist in the performance of the Beethoven Trio in E flat major, op. 70, No. 2, but, as he was unable to appear, Carlo Buonamici, of Boston, was summoned to join Mr. Kneisel and Mr. Schroeder in playing the Arensky trio in D minor. This trio, now familiar and beloved by all musicians, was admirably played. The quartets of the evening included the Mozart in A major and the Tschaikowsky in F major.

A Schubert Evening for the Masses.

One of the most beautiful programs ever planned will be presented Friday night, January 18, at Cooper Union Hall, in the series given by the People's Symphony Auxiliary Club. The artistic personnel includes the Kaltenborn String Quartet, Leopold Winkler, pianist, and Paul Du-The program is arranged from the works of fault, tenor. Schubert, and will consist of the quartet in A minor, op. 29; a group of songs ending with "Die Forelle," and the "Forellen" quintet in A major.

Olive Mead Quartet Program.

The Olive Mead Quartet will play the Brahms quartet, op. 51, No. 2, and the Beethoven quartet, op. 18, No. 5, at the second concert, in Mendelssohn Hall, Thursday evening, January 17. The other number of the concert will be the Arthur Foote Quartet, with the composer assisting at the piano.

The Antwerp Opera produced Eugen d'Albert's "Tiefland" as a local novelty, with great success. The work made a deep impression, and the composer, who personally conducted, received hearty applause, and the press spoke most favorably of the performers: Mlle. Judels, as Marthe; Herr de Vos, as Pedro, and Herr de Backer, as Sebastiano.

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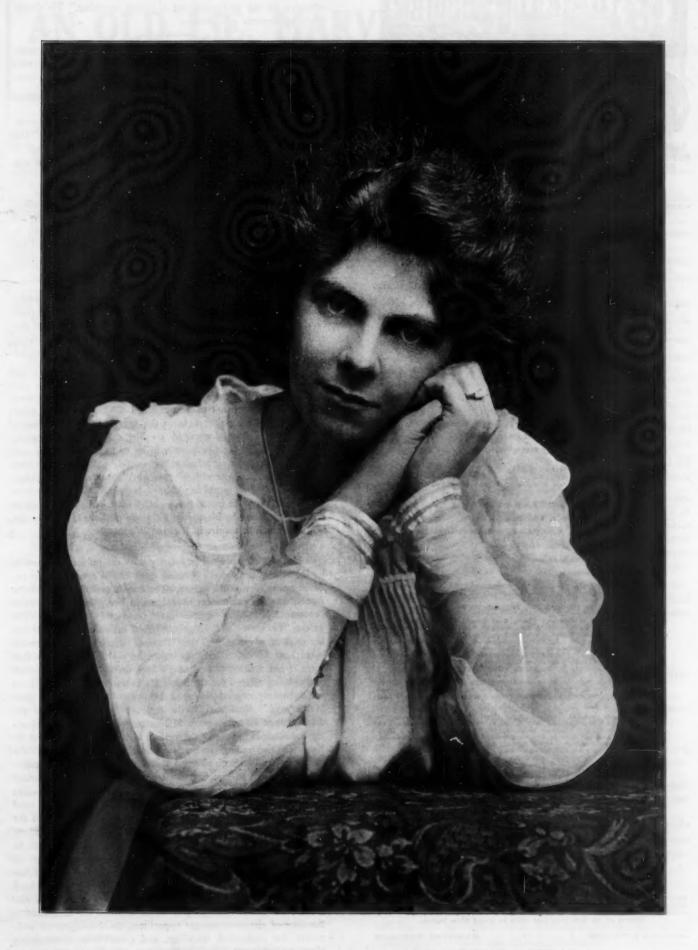
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GERTRUDE PEPPERCORN, the English pianist who is booked to tour America this season, fell ill on the day she was to set sail and has been obliged to postpone her coming until later in the winter. A great number of concerts had been arranged for her, and there is general disappointment over the enforced delay attending her visit.

Boston is to have some grand opera after all. The Metropolitan has decided to give a short season there in the spring. Several years ago the management of the Metropolitan announced that the company would never more go to Boston, owing to the poor receipts there. Boston has been resting content under the ban. Why get it angry again?

RICHARD WAGNER'S memoirs, which, according to his own express wish, were not to be published until thirty years after his death, will see public light in the year 1913, the composer's family being already engaged on these valuable documents, which, in spite of their bulk, only bring us to the year 1846, and therefore not covering what to the outside public at least may count as the most interesting years of Wagner's career. After everything that the world has been saying about Wagner for over fifty years, it will be interesting to read what he had to say about himself. Judging by his writings already published, the memoirs will find much to admire in Richard Wagner.

Melba's phenomenal popularity with the public continues to be the talk of the town. Nothing quite like it ever has been experienced in New York before. The only approach to the Melba furore was the excitement over Patti in her palmiest days here, but actual box office figures give the victory to Melba. The recent "Traviata" and "Rigoletto" performances were sold out for days in advance, and the "Traviata" matinee next Saturday -marking Melba's third appearance here-reveals the fact that there is not a ticket to be had for love or money, with as much as \$50 being offered for the best seats in the parterre. As a local society weekly expressed it some days ago: "New York has gone Melba mad." Incidentally, the unprecedented triumph of the diva has put Hammerstein's Manhattan Opera out of all possible financial danger, and the permanency of that institution as New York's leading and representative Opera now is fully assured. At the beginning of the season, Hammerstein confidently expected to lose \$250,000; now he is certain to clear all his expenses and gain a small profit besides. What this means in the first season of a new grand opera project in this city need not be pointed out in detail to the sophisticated public of the metropolis. To persons in other quarters of the globe-where grand opera is usually run at an enormous loss which has to be made up by municipal or state subvention—the significance of the Hammerstein success is strikingly clear. And all this has been accomplished by one man, who had no social coterie to back him with its shoddy prestige and shady millions, and whose singleness and sincerity of purpose never wavered for an instant in the face of the most savage opposition, the friendliest of wellmeant, but misguided, warnings, and even the most rancorous abuse and sharpest ridicule. Together with Henry W. Savage, Hammerstein has proved himself to be the greatest operatic generalissimo of the past fifty years. He is often called "a man of theories." In the present brilliant battle he has had but one theory, and it brought him victory: the desire to make music rather than money. The public was quick to appreciate the compliment to itself. As Schumann once said of a great composer, THE MUSICAL COURIER says of a great operatic organizer who will play the biggest kind of a role in the future operatic history of this country: "Hats off to Hammerstein."



AN OLD LIE, MARVELOUSLY SUNG.

HAMMERSTEIN'S GREAT TRIUMPH AT THE MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE.

(Editorial in the New York Evening Journal, January 12, 1907.)

Melba, Bonci and Renaud sang in Verdi's "Rigoletto" at Oscar Hammerstein's Manhattan Opera House last night.

It was an extraordinary performance and a very wonderful

Every inch of space was occupied, every seat was filled, every foot of standing room-from the floor of the house to the topmost gallery-was packed.

It was a musical audience, a great crowd of people understanding and loving music, a collection of the world's greatest artists, a real tribute to the courage, resource and professional genius of Oscar Hammerstein, the impresario.

Before the curtain rose it was necessary to call the police to keep the crowds in check and to persuade thousands that the opera house was full and that no more could enter.

We have expressed the hope that New York would show appreciation of Hammerstein's enterprise in offering good music to the people, and that hope appears to have been reasonable.

It is evident that there are men and women in New York that go to the opera to listen to music and not merely to strain their ears for the chatter that comes rumbling up from under the diamond "stomachers" or crackling out from under the jewelled, comic coronets of gilded geese. It appears that we have intelligent men and women that think more of artistic work than of dull, overfed "society" names. It is really a pleasure to know that a Melba or a Bonci can pack a great house without the assistance of a Vanderbilt, Astor, Cashbox, Solidgold or other intellectual name to attract.

It was a great musical and artistic triumph—a triumph for the artists, fired by enthusiastic applause; for Hammerstein, the man of ideas and real musical knowledge, and for the public, that proved its appreciation of real merit.

And it was a wonderful singing of an old, energetic, hardto-kill lie.

Do you know the story of Rigoletto, the hunchback jester? If this column could sing, hum or whistle, you would at once recognize "La Donna e mobile," the song that may be called the backbone of this opera. The song is so tuneful that Verdi would not allow it to be sung when the opera was rehearsed. He feared that it would be known to everybody before the first night of the opera. So he had the tenor rehearse it in private, and only those in the secret knew the song on the opening day.

"Rigoletto" is one of the great operas that combine musical power with degradation of music. It tells a false story of murder, and the "great" song is a calumny on woman.

The hunchback toady seeks to ruin a good woman and brings about the murder of his own daughter. The daughter sacrifices her life to save that of the worthless duke, the duke walks serenely away with the murderer's red-petticoated sister singing:

"La Donna e mobile Qua pluma al vento."

Which means that woman is as changeable as a feather in the wind. That statement is as old as it is foolish.

As a matter of fact, woman compared with man is as steadfast as Pike's Peak. She wants nothing better than to "stay put" if man will only let her. Man is the vain, complacent and often fat donkey, unreliable, untrustworthy, while woman bears the burden, as well as the children, and treats man far better than

However, "La Donna e mobile" is a good song, and Bonci sang it wonderfully well.

He has intelligence, a wonderful voice, temperament and boots turreted fancifully at the top, like the tower on the medieval castle of a modern life insurance president.

Melba was a delight to old and young, especially old. For she must be fully thirty-five-having a married child-yet her voice was never better; perhaps never as good. She cut out the tail end of Verdi's opera to avoid the nuisance of pretending to be dead while her poor old father sings out his sorrow over her.

He sang over a bogus corpse of straw carried out by the villain with one hand, and evidently weighing only a pound or two. That was not as artistic as it might be, and Mr. Hammerstein should stuff a few stones into that corpse if he cannot persuade Madame Melba to lie down, and wait, and sing the opera out.

Whether she should have waited until the end or not, Melba deserves the thanks of all. Her voice is a marvel, her vitality and ease extraordinary. She proves to woman that her career in the near future will be the interpreting of great works of genius. A woman need not care who writes the great songs if she can

Renaud is by far the best Rigoletto that this country has heard within twenty years, anyhow. He is the best ever heard by this writer, who has listened to Rigolettos of different kinds in New York, London, Paris, Milan, Monte Carlo, and disliked a good many of them. Mr. Hammerstein showed knowledge in offering Renaud to the American public.

By way of carping criticism, we should ask Mr. Hammerstein to leave the large lumps off the ankles and tibia of his Rigoletto. It is the classical thing, of course, to make Rigoletto physically revolting to the audience. But is it necessary to go so far? A big hump, a leper-like beard and a blotchy face ought to do without the lumps on the legs, that detract from good music. However, Mr. Hammerstein has done so well that if he is attached to the lumps and wants them for the sake of antique association we have no objection.

Renaud is a good actor-a wonderful actor. If Belasco could teach him to speak English and tear false sentimentality to pieces, he could make of him another Warfield and destroy a real artist in the process, just as he destroyed a good comedian when he made of Warfield a serious actor.

That is all we have to say about last night's extraordinary performance, except that we want our readers to go to Hammerstein's Manhattan Opera House and listen to the really good music, if they can afford the high prices. Even the cheaper seats are good; the theater is well ventilated, and the man who hears half a dozen good operas has added to his intellectual education and made his horizon wider.

LESCHETIZKY is reported to have uttered an opinion recently on national musical characteristics based on his long experience in teaching pupils from all countries and of all races. The English Leschetizky defines as good musicians, but poor performers, with the head better developed than the heart. The Americans are more spontaneous. Accustomed as they are to keep all their faculties alert, they have rapid technical facility, but, says Leschetizky, they study more from a desire to make a business of music than for any love of the art. The Russians, in Leschetizky's opinion, stand in the highest rank. With prodigious technic they possess musical passion, dramatic power and extraordinary virtuosity, and become marvelous executants when they have the patience to persevere to the end with their studies. The Pole, less impetuous than the Russian, inclines mostly to the poetic side of music; his predominant gifts are originality, refinement, exquisite delicacy and instinct of rhythm. The French Leschetizky compares to birds of passage who flit on high amid the clouds unconscious of what goes on below; in execution they are elegant, incisive and phrase well. The Germans are remarkable for their seriousness, their patience in noting the smallest particular, and they possess humble and deep-seated love of their art, but their penetration leaves much to be desired. The Swedes possess much talent and are exceptionally sympathetic to Leschetizky, but he loves the Italians best of all, even though they never learn to play the piano really well. From the foregoing it will be seen that if Leschetizky's pupils have learned much from him during all these years he has also learned something from them. The passage relating to Americans hits home





LATE PARIS NEWS.

Paris, January 4, 1907.
The Paris performance of "Salome" has been deferred to March, and twelve performances have been planned, the first of which at least will be conducted by the composer. The performances will take place on non-subscription nights, which mean Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Strauss has accepted Gailhard's adaptation, and there will be some changes in the score as a consequence.

It should be stated that the first Italian performance of "Salome" was at Turin, the next at Milan, and that at Turin, Bellincioni in the title role, rose to extraordinary heights, surprising every artist and the whole cognoscenti.

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Puccini has left for London on his way to America. The Milan contingent that promised to accompany him remained at home, after all.

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Calvé, who is at Nice and Monte Carlo, contradicts all the printed reports on her alleged engagement to a wealthy American. She was, of course, innocent of these rumors. Thus a lot of space (called valuable), white paper and ink were wasted in thousands of American papers as usual on nothing. The papers of Europe either ignored all the nonsense or dismissed the rumors with a line. Curious to relate, the Paris papers charge for such kind of advertising at so much per line. That seems to be sane at least, for to give columns upon columns on all such gossip as is done by our papers at home, delude the public and also at the same time publish falsehoods, and on top of it all get nothing for it does seem the proceeding of the in-BLUMENBERG.

BULOW AND TSCHAINOWSKY.

THE following letter has been received by THE MUSICAL COURIER, and an examination of the facts proves that the writer's protest is justified:

314 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, Mass

To The Musical Courier: In Edgar S. Kelley's most excellent paper, "Tschaikowsky as a Symphonist," just now printed in THE MUSICAL COURTER, he gives the idea that this composer's B flat minor concerto for piano was first produced in New York City, the work being "played a few months later in Boston by B. The first performance of this concerto, initial performance, took place in Mass., in Music Hall, October 25, 1875, at the fifth of a series of concerts given by Von Bülow, who had brought the manuscript score and parts from Europe when he first came to America at that The program of the concert contained the following announcement: "The above grand composition of Tschaikowsky, the most eminent Russian maestro of the present day, completed last April and dedicated by its author to Hans von Bülow, has never been performed, the composer himself never having enjoyed an audition of his masterpiece. To Boston is reserved the honor of its initial representation and the opportunity to impress the first verdict on a work of surpassing musical interest." B. J. Lang was the conductor on the occasion of this initial performance. matinee on October 30, following. Von Bülow played the concerto again. B. J. Lang did not play it until the year 1885, ten years later than its first performance

When Von Bülow first put the concerto in rehearsal Carl Bergmann was the conductor, but very soon there was a misunderstanding between Von Bülow and Bergmann, and during the controversy some very animated repartee was handed about between them, but as Von Bülow was a master in this art as well as in that of piano playing. he soon gave the "knock out blow," when Bergmann laid down the baton and left the hall:

fact, left Boston for New York, where all discouraged, impoverished and unappreciated Boston musicians fly for encouragement and support.

This is how Mr. Lang came to conduct the performance. So important an article as Mr. Kelley has written should be more accurate in its historical references.

WARREN DAVENPORT.

THE musical anniversaries for the third week in January follow: January 16, Leo Delibes, died in Paris, in 1891; Karl August Krebs, born in Nuremberg, in 1804; Gustav Friedrich Kogel, born in Leipsic, in 1840; 17th, first performance of Verdi's "Il Trovatore," in Rome, in 1853; Wilhelm Kienzl, born in Waltzenkirchen, in 1857; Francois Joseph Gossec, born in Vergnies, Belgium, in 1733; 18th, Alexis Emmanuel Chabrier, born at Auvergne, in 1842; Antoine Francois Marmontel, born at Clermont-Ferrand, in 1816; 19th, Hans Sachs, died, at Nuremberg, in 1576; Ferdinand David, born at Hamburg in 1810; 20th, John Tiplady Carrodus, born at Keighley, in 1836; Franz Lachner, died in Munich, in 1890; 21st, Alexander Edouard Goria, born in Paris, in 1823; Gustav Albert Lortzing, died in Berlin, in 1851; 22d, Vicenzo Righini, born in Bologna, in 1756; 23d, Antoinette Sterling, born at Sterlingville, N. Y., in 1850; Felix Clement, died in Paris, in 1885.

EDITORIAL OVERTONES.

HENRY T. FINCK, the wise and witty critic of the New York Evening Post, says in his Saturday feuilleton of last week:

When Leoncavallo gave his concerts in New York the critics gently expressed doubts as to whether his band really was the famous orchestra of the Scala in Milan. At Butte, Mon., there was a less uncertain tone. The News of that fastidious town described the orchestra as "an underpaid, incompetent bunch of organ grinders," and further said that "the conglomeration of fifth-rate musicians designated in the advertising as the La Scala Orchestra is the grossest imposition ever foisted upon a Western audience.'

While we believe the accusation of the News to be unjust, we cannot help joining Mr. Finck in his admiration for criticism of the hit-from-theshoulder kind.

A German paper reproduced last month, on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of Wagner's first marriage, the certificate thereof preserved in the church of Königsberg. It is curious as showing that the spelling of the family name was Wagener:

Iuram cölibatis.

Ich Wilhelm Richard Wagener Ich Christine Wilhelmine Planer schworen zu Gott dem Allmächtigen einen leiblichen Eid, das ich die Demoiselle Christi: Wilhelm. Planer den H. Wilhelm Richard Wagener

zu heiraten Willens bin, ich nirgend berheiratet gewesen, noch mich irgend einer anderen Person öffentlich im Beisein eines Predigers versprochen habe. So wahr mir Gott helfe durch Jesum Christum. Amen. Wilhelm Richard Wagener Musikdir.

Christine Wilhelmine Planer.

The London Telegraph, in commenting on the John Lane publication. profitableness of writing popular music, boasts that 300,000 copies were sold of Penn's "Pansy Faces." That record seems childish compared to the 1,000,000 copies of Sousa's "Stars and Stripes" sold in the United States alone; and Orpheus only knows how many millions of copies have been and are being sold all over the globe of the same com-

poser's "Washington Post" and "High School Cadets." Next to the waltzes of Johann Strauss, no other popular music ever had such wide and lasting vogue as that of John Philip Sousa. R 18

The new opera by Leoncavallo is to be called "The Red Shirt." Will the critics tear it from his

The published list of New York's taxpayers for 1907 shows that Henry Fink has been assessed \$100,000. To allay all fears, it is herewith stated that the critic of the Evening Post spells his name

The Tribune announces that when Puccini arrives here this week he will be dined by the "Metropolitan Opera and Real Estate Company jointly." will be quite a site.

南 南 The telegraph wires from Pittsburg have been humming the discordant song of the quarrel between Louise Homer and Emil Paur at the latest symphony concert in the Smoky City. The story runs that "just before the beginning of the concert Madame Homer was in the artist's room when Conductor Paur walked in and sat down, keeping on his hat and overcoat and puffing a big black cigar. He started to talk, but the singer, after taking one look at the cigar, which was throwing out dense clouds of smoke, fled. Paur calmly took off his hat and overcoat, finished his smoke and left the room. Then Madame Homer re-entered, threw open the windows, flung the conductor's hat and overcoat into the hall, and locked the door. Paur returned, found his belongings on the floor, and pounded angrily at the door of the artist's room. Neither to his pounding nor to his demand for an explanation or an apology was any answer forthcoming. The ice that enveloped the conduct of the leader and the singer when they were on the stage was so thick that it could have been cut with a knife, and it was noticed and commented on by the audience." THE MUSICAL COURIER is loath to believe that Paur acted in the cavalier manner described by the news dispatch. He certainly knows how to behave in the presence of a lady, and has been in America long enough to appreciate the respect with which the weaker sex is treated in this country. No doubt the incident rests on some trivial happening. which the press associations, with their usual avidity for sensationalism at any price, magnified into the present ungallant and scandalous story.

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The John Lane Company is about to issue a most interesting book of eighty-five pages called "Strauss' by Lawrence Gilman. The advance 'Salome,' pages of the little work show it to be a succinct and illuminating guide to Strauss' masterpiece, with lucid explanation of the text and well chosen quotation of the chief musical motives. No critical estimate of the opera is attempted, and thereby the value of the volume as a guidebook is considerably enhanced. Nothing that has been published or said hitherto about "Salome" will be found quite so instructive to the student of the subject as the present

THE New York dailies are taking the tip from THE MUSICAL COURIER. Read what the Sun said editorially last week:

Whatever may be the final result of Mr. Hammerstein's musical enterprise, he has already proved the falsity of one operatic tradition for-

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merly held in local reverence. The performances at his opera house have shown that there are good singers in Europe who remain unknown to this public, and that the foreign field is by no means o barren as New Yorkers had been led to believe. Mr. Hammerstein's efforts were confined almost exclusively to one department, as he sought chiefly singers of Italian opera. He has demonstrated that there are still artists of the kind he desired much superior to others that have been presented here as the best to be engaged in Europe. York's latest impresario has established this fact in reference to the Latin countries, who is to explore the German operatic theaters on behalf of our opera?

Competition seems just as vital to art as to trade, and Mr. Hammerstein has supplied a quickening incentive to all impresarios of the future. His enterprise is bound to have an influence favorable to the musical interests of this town. In every department of the masculine part of his company he has produced an artist of high rank. That he has accomplished less impressive effects on the distaff side is owing to the fact that great women singers are rarest in the field where he sought them.

Whether or not there is room in New York for two opera houses of high rank is a question that cannot be answered until the end of the season. In any case the public will benefit. Opera in this city is certain to be better in the future as result of Mr. Hammerstein's experiment, whether or not his establishment endures.

It is for his researches in the foreign field that New Yorkers will have most cause to be grateful to him. Our opera has long enlisted the services of the most noted singers in the world. No other city hears so many of the high priced stars. It has recently come to be true, however, that some of our singers have only a local reputation. not always easy to explain why they should hold positions of importance in a company that contains only the best singers. Formerly it was enough to say that no better performers could be found in Europe. Now Mr. Hammerstein has shown how inadequate that explanation is. There are apparently as many artists in Europe as there ever were, if managers are able to recognize their merits and courageous enough to try to build up for them a popularity in this country. New York audiences are suspicious of strangers in the oper atic world. The newcomers must prove their merits, and the standard by which they are judged is high. That Mr. Hammerstein's artists have pleased so well is additional testimony to their qualities and to his fitness to be an impresario of

Von Ende Chamber Music Novelties.

The first of four chamber music concerts devoted to and rarely heard works (the third season) given by Herwegh von Ende at the American Institute of Applied Music, occurred Saturday afternoon, January 12, with the assistance of Eleanor Marx, soprano; Modest Altschuler, 'cellist, and Cornelius Rübner, pianist and composer

A sonata for piano and 'cello by Handel opened the program, played by Messrs. Rübner and Altschuler. This was instinct with life and the classic phrases took on new meaning. A group of six songs by Rübner followed, sung by Mme. Marx, some in English, others in German, with noticeably clear utterance by the singer. The songs presented a variety of emotions, and their spirit, whether dramatic or tender, was finely brought out by Mme. Marx. "Frühlingszeit" brought the series to a brilliant close, following the "Einsamkeit," with its wave-like accompaniment. The composer played the piano score, and received warm recognition, which he, however, insisted on sharing with Mme. Marx. A trio for piano, violin and 'cello, by A. Simon, proved to be a very interesting work, modern and melodious. It was played with spontaneous ensemble by Rübner, Altschuler and Von Ende. The rooms were crowded with an intelligent and obviously interested audience of music lovers. Mr. von Ende is to be thanked for these concerts, which are sui generis in New York's mu-

At the second concert, January 30, Miss Chittenden and Mr. von Ende will play sonatas by Leclair and Veraccini, and a soprano, to be selected, will sings songs by d'Albert.

Successful Season of M. B. de Bor.

One of the busiest studios in Carnegie Hall this season is M. B. de Bor's. Mr. de Bor is enjoying an unusually successful year, and among his many pupils are a number of remarkable voices, which will be heard very soon at a recital in the de Bor studios.

CLEVELAND CHATTER.

719 THE ARCADE, CLEVELAND, January 12, 1907.

I hate to do it, but as this is my first letter in the new year, and it has been troubling me for some days, I have decided to rid myself of it. THE MUSICAL COURIER readers have my sympathy. I thought that it was poetry till it came to the surface.

> The tale of yesteryear is done, We close the book, erstwhile begun, But straightway ope' another of The bright book of tomorrow.

> What boots it if in nineteen-six Our wants and finance did not mix; We do not navigate the Styx,

The longest lane must turn some way, After the rain it shines, they say, So why indulge in sorrow?

If nineteen-six were drab and drear, And champagne tasted much like beer Let's all brace up and give a cheer

And now to local chatter and comment. Since my last we have had the Paur Orchestra in a splendid program magnificently, presented. The piece de resistance was Tschaikowsky's fourth symphony, and Paur gave it an illuminative reading, with artistic response from his play-It was really great. Like Patrick Henry, I know not what others may think, but for me give me the great To me he is the greatest symphonist since Bee-Russian. He may not possess the classicality of Brahms, but he has an epical depth of emotion that is most wonderful. And the fourth symphony is by no means his least important in symphonic effort. The "Scherzo," with its pizzicato brusqueness, seems to me grotesque frolicking of titans. The antiphonal use of the strings, wood and brass instruments and their final tossing of the themes is unique in symphonic literature. And Paur excelled himself in its performance. Olga Samaroff proved her pianistic artistry in Liszt's E flat concerto and pieces of Chopin. She has an unusual virile and vibrant tone and a technic that makes her playing fairly scintillate with brilliancy. She played Moszkowski's "Etincelles" as an encore in a style that sparkled like an exploded skyrocket. This concert was one of the most satisfactory symphony programs we have listened to this season.

This week we had, under the auspices of the Lyceum League, the Olive Mead string quartet and George Hamlin, tenor. The playing of the quartet was artistic in the highest degree, and what most surprised me was the mucianship displayed in the interpretation of works like the Beethoven and Dvorák quartets. Miss Mead has a tone production never obtrusive, but always refined and beautiful. One needs only to hear her play to recognize her as a Kneisel pupil. And the playing of the quartet was the Kneisel quartet en miniature. George Hamlin was the Kneisel quartet en miniature. George Hamlin achieved a signal and artistic success. His voice is one of rich resonance and his interpretation of songs of Strauss, Schumann and Brahms was both intellectual and emotional. I have yet to hear a better American tenor. His style has broadened much in recent years and his vocal control is well nigh perfect.

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The Philharmonic string quartet of this city gave a fine program at the Temple on Wednesday evening. playing of this local contingent is worthy extended exploitation. The finesse in ensemble it has attained puts it in the artistic class-and well up at that. and Heydler appeared in solos and played with their customary excellence. Harry P. Cole was the assisting I have never heard his voice when it was so sympathetic and emotionally expressive. Cole has been doing much concert and oratorio work this season, and is always successful in pleasing his audiences.

@ @ Last Sunday's "Pop," under Johann Beck, presented an interesting program to an unusually large audience. chief interest of the program centered in a "Bagatelle Suite" for strings by Karl Rychlik, a talented member of the first violins. If proved to be a genial and melodicomposition, and evidenced excellent musicianship on the part of its composer. Felix Hughes was the baritone soloist and gave in refined and artistic style the "Hans Heiling" aria and an excerpt by Massenet. His reception by the audience was most cordial and hearty. ~

The New York Symphony Orchestra gives us two programs tomorrow-Sunday-at the Colonial Theater. the afternoon a Wagner program and the evening a Russian, including Tschaikowsky's "Pathetique." So it is that your representative will listen to two great sermons To tell the truth he could stand such preachments every day, especially when the texts are Wagner

and Tschaikowsky, for these two names represent the gospel of modern dramatic and symphonic art.

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Sunday afternoon at Keith's Theater occurs the usual 'Pop" concert. Ring has the baton in hand upon this occasion and among other good things will give Tschaikowsky's "Nutcracker Suite." Charles Rowe, the local pianistic prodigy, will play Chopin's A flat polonaise and Liszt's "Rigoletto Fantasie."

Edwin H. Douglass has returned after a flying trip to Dresden, and the microbes of vocalism are again disturbing the atmospheric environment of his studio. gives vocal lessons to a large contingent of pupils.

And now amen, pro tem.

WILSON G. SMITH.

A New Oratorio.

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With Franz Liszt, Verdi, Kiel, Perosi and Elgar as predecessors, it would seem difficult for any modern composer to strike a new note in church music, yet in his oratorio, 'Blessed Are They Who Die in the Lord," Prof. Albert Fuchs has done that. While he, like Liszt, has emphasized the personal, subjective element, and like Verdi, chooses the melodic and incidentally chromatic form for his mode of expression, yet he differs from these entirely in that he has dropped wholly the recitative and has gone even farther than the rest in deviating from the older stilo fugato, which belongs to the former more severe polyphonic

He has shown himself rich in melodic invention, versa tile in tonal coloring and design, painting his pictures in quick, forceful strokes, which he causes to pass before us in panoramic-like views, sketching as he has done in a single poem almost the whole history of Judaism and Christianity, as far as it refers to his chosen subject. In this respect Professor Fuchs has shown that he knows how to speak volumes in a single word, and while the great variety of thought and idea appears often abrupt and broken in its swift passage before the mind, yet it is in fact a logical, coherent and connected whole. Some explanation of the text is necessary to render the foregoing quite clear: The mind of a dying man as he sees death approaching is troubled with the thought of passing into another sphere ill prepared to die, having passed his life wholly amid the world, absorbed with its cares and pleasures, and almost alienated from all religious thought and doctrine. As in a delirium, he sees God first as only a righteous and avenging Judge, in all the various scenes of the history of his people before the coming of Christ; then later God appears as a loving Father, sending a Saviour into the world, heralding love and forgiveness; the mind of the dying one, as he is constantly soothed by the daughter at his bedside, is now assured of pardon, and he passes away in perfect peace. The general dictum of the musicians here is that this is a most remarkable work. Fully at home in the old as well as the modern school of orchestration, Fuchs also shows a skilled hand at the chorus, though this seems sometimes pitched too high for the human voice, a fault to which Beethoven himself was often prone. Always interesting and forceful, the work attains moments of great and overwhelming grandeur, as in the "Dies Irae"; of melting tenderness and power as in the voice of the Saviour, sung with great beauty by the tenor of the Dresden Opera, Giessen. Exceptions have been taken to the voice of Lilith, the temptress, as this is necessarily of too sensuous a character for church music, although it may be considered admissible for every dramatic and convincing purpose. A word as to the perform ance and the audience which crowded every nook and corner of the Drei Königs-Kirche. The solo singers, Frau Boehm van Endert, Fräulein Krull, Perron, Leon Rains, all but the first mentioned from the Court Opera, with the assistance of Hertha Demlow, from Berlin, were surely of the choicest selection from musical circles here, and all, especially Leon Rains and Hans Giessen (Perron was too often off pitch), with Frau Boehm acquitted themselves bravely of their tasks, Giessen decidedly with his won derful power of interpretation carrying off the honors of the evening. Herr Albert Fuchs directed the Singakademie in the chorus, as also the whole work, while Friedman Töpfer at the organ was with the Gewerbehauscapello a werful adjunct, in a most lofty and grand interpretation of a work which all must recognize is remarkable alike for its newness and its power.

Prof. Albert Fuchs is the director of the Robert Schumann Singakademie and also professor at the Dresden E. POTTER-FRISSELL. Royal Conservatory.

Recital by Evelyn Chapman, a Beice Pupil.

A recital will be given by Evelyn Chapman at the studios of her teacher, Mrs. Henry Smock-Boice, on Saturday afternoon, January 19. Miss Chapman is enjoying a successful season as a concert soprano as well as at her regular church work.

NATIONAL OPERA COMPANY.

It is a foregone conclusion that the National Opera Company, which is to essay a most important experis in Rome, will have among its singers a number of high reputation. A prima donna, who will take a conspicuous part in this organization, is Mary Elizabeth Beer. An engagement has been closed with her for the season, and she is to assume some of the most important roles in the operas which are to be produced in Rome. born in Bucyrus, Ohio, and disclosed wonderful talents for music when a little girl. She received instruction from the best teacher of her native town, who, recognizing her as a musical genius, advised her parents to have her voice cultivated under some distinguished master. Preliminary to entering upon a course of instruction in singing, she entered the Wooster University, where she

MARIA DE MACCHI AS SANTUZZA

took a complete classical course. Afterward she pursued a full course of music in the Conservatory of Music in that town, and received instruction from a distinguished teacher of the voice. Immediately thereafter she moved to New York and placed herself under Emilio Bellari, on of the foremost vocal instructors in the city. she studied for a considerable time with C. de Macchi. who declared that she was one of the most talented pupils he had ever taught. He coached her in operatic work, and she perfected herself in some of the leading contralto roles of Italian opera. Miss Beer has sung with great success throughout the Middle States, and has also made many successful appearances in New York. As a church singer she won a high reputation long ago, but as her obvious destiny is grand opera, she is now devoting herself entirely to study, with a view to following this career.



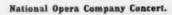
MAIN ENTRANCE STAIRWAY OF NATIONAL OPERA HOUSE, ROME

Already she has taken part in a number of operatic performances, and such parts as she assumed she did full Some of her appearances were made in the operas which were produced by Julian Edwards, who paid her a very high compliment, and advised her to enter the grand opera field. Miss Beer has associated herself

with the National Opera Company, and placed herself under the guidance of C. de Macchi, who will lead her in the way she should go. Doubtless, high honors await this prima donna.

The National Opera Company, which is to be under the direction of C. de Macchi, will be thoroughly organized before the beginning of the season in Rome, Italy. De Macchi is devoting his days and his nights to this enterprise, and is one of the hardest worked musicians in New York. From early in the morning till late at night he is busy coaching the singers who are to become members of his company. Already he has secured finely equipped sopranos and contraltos, and has also heard several tenors, baritones and bassos. One of the most gifted of these singers is Campano, a baritone, who will soon make his appearance before the New York public. De Macchi, who discovered him, says that he promises to become a very great singer, and that he expects him to shine in all the operatic roles which he will assume.

As THE MUSICAL COURIER already has announced, the National Opera Company has leased the Teatro Nazionale, in Rome, Italy, for a season of grand opera, beginning May 20 and running until the latter part of June. As is well understood by tourists and others who have visited Rome, May and June are the two pleasantest months of the year there. During this period the city is filled with visitors from all parts of the country and all the hotels are



The National Opera Company has arranged a concert for Sunday evening, January 20, in Carnegie Chamber Music Hall, to introduce to the New York public Ettore Campana, a baritone, who won great ccess in the Maine Music Festival.

Managers, musicians, students and others who wish to attend this concert will receive complimen tary tickets if they apply by letter to the National Opera Company, No. 517 West End avenue

crowded, and there is a scene of perpetual animation. This is much the best time for the presentation of important musical enterprises, and the National Opera Company has done well to select this period. As is well understood, this important enterprise is under the direction of C. de Macchi, the distinguished opera specialist, who has had very great success in coaching aspirants for the grand opera. Since this enterprise was undertaken by him he has been devoting his entire time to it. Having visited Rome and conferred with influential musical people of that city, he has proceeded in the most intelligent way to carry out his plans. He is taking nothing by chance whatever, but is proceeding in accordance with the suggestions made by his musical friends and advisers in Italy. Everything is developing in accordance with his desires, and there can be no doubt whatever of the brilliant success of his admirable project. From time to time this paper will chronicle the important

happenings associated with this laudable enterprise.

Conductor Vigna, of the Metropolitan Opera House; and Mrs. Carl L. Schurz, Mr. and Mrs. C. de Macchi, Signor Campana, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Miss Lindo, and others, were among the guests at a birthday and New Year's Eve party given by Mary Tiedemann. Signor Campana, accompanied by C. de Macchi, sang the prologue from "Pagliacci," credo from "Otello," and several other operatic arias, with a voice of such great power and beauty as to cause Conductor Vigna to express his regret at not having such a singer connected with his forces at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Maria de Macchi, the dramatic soprano, has promised to exert her influence with the Italian opera managers in behalf of Campana, who will go to Italy next spring for

the Roman season with the National Opera Company.

Mlle. de Macchi, after singing in "Aïda" and "Giaconda,"
in the Grand Opera of Florence, last November and December, is at present creating the role of Mila di Codra, in the new opera, "La figlia di Joria," in Genoa, having been selected by Franchetti, the composer, who is enthusiastic over her interpretation.

It is definitely settled that one of the operas to be given at the Teatro Nazionale, of Rome, next spring, will "Cavalleria Rusticana," which has never failed to draw crowded houses in Rome. It was there this opera received its first hearing, May 17, 1890. Mascagni, its composer, being present.



ETTORE CAMPANA

EUROPEAN NOTES.

At the second concert of the Dortmund Musik Society Janssen conducted, admirably, Bach's "Magnificat" (D major, arranged by R. Franz), and in conclusion, the "Intermezzi Goldoni," by Enrico Bossi, given for the first

At this year's Cecilia Festival, in Münster, the first day was devoted to Handel's oratorio of "Saul" (in Chrysander's edition), and the second to Bach's cantata, "Bleib bei uns," Bruckner's fourth symphony and solo perform-

Georg Schumann's new work, "Overture to a Drama," had its first production at the Cologne Gürzenich concert, under Director Steinbach, and in Berlin, under Nikisch,



MARY ELIZABETH BEER, OF THE NATIONAL OPERA COMPANY.



MUSICAL EDUCATION.



Efficient Teachers

J. G. Wight is president of the educational work of a town of 2,590 pretty girls of that most interesting age, fourteen to eighteen, who comprise the Wadleigh High School, New York. It is said of Mr. Wight that there is no quality necessary to the presidency of youth, male or female, that he does not possess. Added to this, he is the best reader of the Bible thus far heard. Much of this is perfunctory, badly enunciated, unimpressive, conventional. From his lips the maxims read might have come from the Board of Education, so practical, logical, necessary and authoritative do they read. As a result, they are listened to with breathless attention, and with eyes that have under-standing and interest in them. This principal loves music, firmly in its beneficent influence, is enthusiastic as to its place in school work, and energetic in its advance-

The Wadleigh High School has two buildings-the Wadleigh proper, near One Hundred and Fourteenth street and Seventh avenue, and another near Eighty-first street. the former are two music teachers, Anna G. Judge and Elizabeth E. Blair. Olive Moss has charge of the music in the Eighty-first street building. The assembly room of the Wadleigh school is one of the most beautiful in the city. As in the Brooklyn Commercial, Manual and High schools, it is large, modern, with raised seats and gallery, stained glass windows, white walls and pillars, carpeted platform and tasteful decoration. Della Robbia casts frame Washington and Lincoln, the American flag in a glass case to the front, banners with maxims of truth and right droop-ing about the grand piano. For the general music work all the teachers were grouped upon the platform, with the accompanist, three violinists and a pianist, members of the school. Attention was called to a violin rehearsal after school and other music matters. The march by which the students entered the room was refined and beautiful, artistically played with beautiful touch and finish by Miss Judge, an accomplished pianist, There was no noise to interfere with hearing this, and there was no talking anywhere. "Trust in the Lord" was sung to the "largo," with violin and piano accompaniment. A Chopin fantasy was played by a Miss Block, who received applause from her class-mates. A "Venetian Love Song," by Nevin, and a selec-tion from "Aida" set to other words followed. An air of quiet refinement filled the place. Kindliness, gentleness and self control were plainly indicated at every turn.

This assembly room is used as the music room. Recently another has been fitted up on the floor below, indi-cating, as elsewhere, growth. United classes of from twenty to sixty or more girls come and go here for the "music periods," returning to their class rooms without direction or guard. Forty-five minutes a week is all that is taken from any other school work for music in the high school. Sixty minutes are allowed in the grammar schools. Some of the classes are exceedingly musical, others less so. Unusual talent and lovely voices are developed, and one of the anxious solicitudes of all the music teachers is as to the career of such. That a gifted musical boy or girl should become buried in some sweat shop making trousers and shirt waists seems little short of crime to them, as

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The music books in use seem to differ in the different But in all the very best material is used as to composition, to words and thought expressed, and to general influence, musical, moral and mental. These books are simply inspiring in their general and their educational feat-Our young people are certainly privileged in this most important feature. These books are left in the chair racks in the music room, where they are used by the successive classes. Occasional supplementary sheets for festival occasion, or to accent or illustrate interesting points in study, are seen, usually representing "change" from the teacher's own pocketbook. A roomy and movable blackboard is an important auxiliary of this practical music

Miss Blair first gave a lesson on minor keys, scales and chords. Miss Judge had the next in interpretation, while Miss Blair passed to the room below to continue technical and fundamental features. Each gives four lessons a day, the former to thirty-eight, the latter to thirty-three classes.

In teaching the minor subject, Miss Blair had the class read major and minor intervals from her fingers, singing them later in one, two and three parts. Others were read and sung from the blackboard, already prepared. A feature of all this teaching of music in the schools is the utilizing of every second of the pupils' time. There is no waste in guessing things, in the writing of rules or exercises, in phrase, enunciation, imagination, were points accented. As

tedious "making up" or reference to books and papers. Everything is thought out, planned and prepared for before coming into the presence of the class, and that no matter w many times the teacher may have presented the same subject.

This teacher was quick and sure, and ready as lightning in asking, pointing, anticipating everything. unconsciously, and never has to say "Wake up wakes them up. Rapid formation of major and minor from varying tonics followed, the work done by individuals. Clefs, signatures, accidentals, figures, syllables, vowel sounds, reading, writing and singing followed, doubled upon one another with velocity and general accuracy, and with incessant originality on the part of the teacher. This was followed by drill, individual and ensemble, to fix every point made. The plain, practical, everyday language used would astonish one of those cobwebby harmony teachers, accustomed to deal in book talk, veiled allusions, and all that dull tedium of bad teaching from which so many suffer. One could see that this teacher was working all the time from the student's standpoint, using her own mastery of the subject to fill the other's need. There was no talking against a stone wall. Nothing was told except in reply to a demand that was first induced. No "gulfs of unknown matter" were left to delay and harass later on.

Triads were next taken up. These were built upon all the keys. Pupils built them, not the teacher. The subject was turned inside out, upside down, and back side, too, in the aim to make each one "possess" the knowledge, not merely to "hear" it. There was no scolding, no saying, "I told you that twenty times before," "You all know," or "You all ought to know." There was intense interest on both sides, and no annoyance or whining. Frequently the question was asked: "What did I say then?" she make that mistake?" "What is she going to show?"
Such a delight to see people learning things instead of
just "taking lessons!" The questions: "What did we learn last time?" "Just what have we learned today?" and a clear line drawn about what was going to be given next time, were all distinct and fleet. Not a moment wasted. Not a futile, weak sentence used. One felt anew every minute the crime of bad music teaching. A selection by Gluck, with words, "When the golden sun is shining" analyzed and peculiarities noticed before being read. One row analyzed, another read by figure, another by syllable, nother by words, another recited the words, and time was beaten, before ensemble reading. After reading, vowel sounds were sung. Then followed the singing with the words, interspersed by talk as to meaning, etc., and con-sequent "expression." "Lift Thine Eyes," unaccompanied, and "Beautiful Streamlet," to a Donizetti air, and unison songs from memory followed. Mr. Caswell, the director, improvised accompaniment to test independence, also to accent facts in modulation; after which they sang accompanied and unaccompanied with good expression, refined tonality, and the intelligence that comes from helpful edu-Every one in the class had done something to learn something every second during that lesson. 南 南

Miss Judge then took the platform and Miss Blair went downstairs to the other music room to continue fundamental work. Miss Judge has the sweetest, gentlest and most appealing speaking voice possible to imagine. The music teachers usually have good speaking voices, but not always the grade teachers, nor yet the women principals. Quiet marked the entrance of the second stream of youth a shade older than the last, which flowed in musicward. They began with tone production and with illustrations of brilliant, tender, plaintive, threatening, martial, and simple tones, as result of imagination. The effect of full, versus thin, breathing was illustrated, and good breathing exercises given. Then there was sharp, rapid interval drill, the class sounding as fast as called, 6, 7, 4, 5 flat, 5 sharp. 4, 6 below, 2 above, 8, 4, 6 flat, 3, 1, etc. "The Bridal 4, 6 below, 2 above, 8, 4, 6 flat, 3, 1, etc. "The Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin" was studied. Various modulations were shown (by pupils, not by the teacher). Each part was sung in figures, syllables, sounds. Difficult spots were found all ready on the blackboard and ideas fixed. Then came finished ensemble reading before ensemble singing. Later on, when uniformity and proper musical education by grade teachers makes thorough readers in the lower grades, much more may be accomplished in the up-The teacher showed a fine ear, detecting the slightest infraction or neglect.

The prayer from "Moses," by Rossini, followed. Words, "When life's brief dream is o'er," phrasing, minor sentiment, clear triplets, the place a triplet must hold in the

in the Brooklyn High School, some exquisite girls' voices were heard. The next point was "Design in Music." was compared with drawing. Phrase, period, song form, were discussed and illustrated. Not merely by a teacher talking indistinctly through the hair-parting in mediæval tongue, but as might be the plat of an exposition ground, the children doing the work. The same educational originality and good sense were shown here as elsewhere. onata and symphony idea were covered during the time; for here is another feature of all this work. The teacher plans it so as to cover certain points in a given time, and not one of these is left over. There is no wabbling and divergating, or dribbling around into Greek literature, and the aunt's home, or Easter gifts. Certain things are planned and done, and each child going out of the room can tell exactly what new thing he or she has learned during that lesson.

Miss Judge is a thorough musician, pianist and singer, and trained in educational methods in the New Normal School of Methods, in Boston, of which Thomas Tapper is one of the leading geniuses. During the summer may be found there, earnestly seeking new and advanced ways for continuing her work the following winter. She has been in Europe this summer, in Italy, France, Belgium, England. She has studied the art of the piano and of singing, the clavier piano, and the teaching of all. She is refined and gentle to a degree, but with a certain quiet force that works out results, which give her the position she holds among New York educators.

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Miss Blair is also an adherent of Normal summer school work. This she has followed at Martha's Vineyard in the Carl Zuchtmann school. She has been associated with the People's Singing Classes, has had charge of these classes and been otherwise shown the confidence and eateem in her abilities. She has taken hold of adult classes who did not, in October, know a note from a clef, and had them singing four part music in January. She is very strong in Normal work, teaches and coaches teachers in her home, and has success in bringing applicants up to music teachers' standards. She is perfectly in love with her work, finding nothing a difficulty and all a pleasure, and only hoping for more time and opportunity for doing yet more for musical education. She, too, plays and sings well.

The material in use in this school may be judged by the mes of the composers taken at random from index indication, which by the way includes names of poets and composers. Beethoven, Handel, Haydn, Brahms, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Gounod, Tours, Abt, Miller, Costa, Eichberg, Otto, Taubert, Smart, Mercadante, Weber, Bishop, Novello, Cherubini, Boildieu, Rameau, Metra, Flemming. Silcher, Volkmann, Reinecke, Wagner, Rossini, W. S. Bennett, Giardini, Herold, Lwoff, Mozart, E. Baumann, Macfarren, Barnby, Pinsuti, Tucker, Samuel Arnold, Wilhelm, Förhlich, Kurth, Hauptmann, Glück, Sacchini, Rheinberger, Paer, Gersbach, Tallis, Martini, Bargiel, Tau-witz, Bourgeois, Carl Hering, Robert Franz, Dr. Arne, Francis Howard, Frederick Root, Sullivan, Zöllner, Himmel, Marschner, Naegeli, and many others, with groups of folk songs and others from all nations. The thought in words included is of the highest ideal, and most healthy 章 章

Educational Notes.

It is more than probable that the coming meeting of the National Educational Association will be held in Philadelphia. Plans are being formulated to make of this one of the most progressive assemblies ever held in the interest of education. A special music department is now one of the big features of the association. Matters of weighty importance will be up for discussion and action.

@ @ One of the leading features of the coming session of the music department of the National Educational Association will be consideration of the importance of both musical and normal music training for all grade teachers. This, through the fitness of things, has been establishing itself law in advanced educational lines for the past few years.
'Are you strong in music?" is one of the questions asked of ordinary applicants for school positions. To make this obligatory will be the next step. This will place music in the schools upon solid foundation, for with it will come uniformity as to graded course, and that will alleviate much and advance greatly

(24 (24) Wilhelm Mattfeld, special music instructor in the Washington Irving High School, German by descent, trained thoroughly in music, and an exceptionally fine educator, is a valuable lecturer as well. He is now giving a series of which the last was on "Tone Production" and "Origin of the Scale." The next will be "Vocal Execution," considered under the heads Tone, Intonation, Time, Articula-Accent, Emphasis, Phrasing and Expressi Mattfeld passed seven years in France and Germany.
"One must be a musician to teach music," he urges. Marie Mattfeld, soprano, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, is the wife of this musician. FANNIE EDGAR THOMAS.

ROSA LINDE'S SUCCESSFUL RECITAL IN BOSTON.

Rosa Linde, who has just returned from a successful concert tour in the South and West, gave a recital in Boston Saturday of last week. This is the first of a series of concerts, in which Madame Linde will appear in New England cities and towns. Large audiences attended the recital. The singer's success, as evidenced by the spontaneous applause after every number, was emphatic and gratifying. One of the most pleasing numbers was the eautiful song of Joseph Maerz, composed especially for Madame Linde. Mr. Maerz, who is the pianist of Madame Linde's company, played the accompaniments brilliantly Both Madame Linde and Mr. Maerz were recalled several times. As a Chopin player, Mr. Maerz ranks with some of the noted celebrities of the day. The following ex-



ROSA LINDE

cerpts are from the Boston Herald and Globe of Jan-

Rosa Linde, contralto, of New York, gave a so Rosa Linde, contralto, of New York, gave a song recital yesterday afternoon in Steinert Hall. She was assisted by Joseph Maerz, pianist. Madame Linde's program included Fontenaille's "Obstination," "My Love is But a Lassie Yet," "My Love Is Like a Red, Red Rose," Secchi, "Lungi dal Caro bene"; Rossi, "Ah! Rendimi"; Cherubini, "Ave Maria"; Schubert, "Ungeduld," and "The Erlking"; Fielitz, "Lass mich dein Auge Kuessen"; Meyer-Helmund, "Maiden's Song"; Maerz, "Lotus Blumen"; Pizzi, "A Lesbia"; Dvorák, "Gute Nacht"; Chadwick, "The Danza"; Gilberte, "Singing of You"; Tschaikowsky, berceuse, "Tojours a tol," "Warum"; Verdi, "Tu Che la Vanita Conosceste." Mr. Maerz's selections were "Feuerzauber," Wagner-Brassin; Chopin, nocturne, F sharp, impromptu, op. 36; etade, op. 25, No. 1; ballade, op. 47.

Madame Linde is evidently a singer of much experience. Her vice has both character and compass; the voice as a whole is rich voice has both character and compass; the voice as a whole is rich and the middle and lower tones have true control to contralto. The mechanism of the singer with the exception of her trill, is in advance of her interpretation, which was at the best unaffected and straightforward. There was little variety of sentiment or emotion yesterday in the delivery of the songs that I was able to hear, but the singer's intonation was good, she knew the worth of a sustained melodic line, she phrased with musical understanding, and she sang with a frankness that won applause from an audience which filled the hall.

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It was a pleasure to hear again the "Ave Maria" of Cherubini, which inspired George Moore to write: "In the music itself there is neither belief nor prayer, but a severe dignity of line, the romance of columns and peristyle in the exaltation of a calm evening." Madame Linde understood the character of the immortal melody, for she sang without incongruous fervor and without any attempt to be pathetically sentimental.—Philip Hale, in the Boston Herald. In Cherubini's "Ave Maria" the true contraits found expression, reconant and well austained. In the second group, "Lotus Blumen,"

In Cherubinis "Ave Maria" the true contrain tound expression, resonant and well sustained. In the second group, "Lotus Blumen," written for her by Mr. Maerz, enabled Madame Linde to ahow her artistry in a romantic aria that suited her voice and method. This was also the case in "A Lesbia," composed for the singer by Pizzi, for in both selections the contraits was heard at her best. The waltz for in both selections the contraits was neard at ser cest. The waitz refrain in the latter was notably good in its vocal swing and execution. "The Dance," by Chadwick, and the songs by Tschaikowaky deserve special mention, these in the final group being sung with excellent tonal contrasts. Madame Linde's voice evidently has been taxed severely, for it has so many beautiful moments that the deficiencies seemingly must be due to over usage. Mr. Maerz was heard in a half dozen piano selections which were generally satisfactory and his recommendations which were efficient. With Madame Linde tory, and his accompaniments were efficient. With Madame Linche shared in the applause at the close of his "Lotus Blumen."-

Sibelius' Symphony Heard in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn, musically neglected because the borough has no attractive music hall, reserves its artistic enthusiasm for the visits by the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Friday evening, January 11, the orchestra played at the Baptist Temple, and serious musicians and genuine lovers of music received the program with unconstrained marks of approval. The audience heard a real novelty, the first symphony of Sibelius in E minor, a work that is notable for the so called "Finnish atmosphere." Sibelius is a writer of rugged strength, and he has the real gift of melody. The symphony reveals the composer at his best. Reviews of European performances of the work have been published in THE MUSICAL COURIER. It has been played in Berlin, in Dresden and in London. The other numbers of the evening were the overture to Goldmark's "Sakuntala" and the Georg Schumann "Variations and Double Fugue on a Merry Theme." There was no soloist to divide the honors with the conductor, Dr. Carl Muck, and the in-comparable orchestra. The February concert by the orcheswill take place on the night of Washington's Birthday, Friday, February 22. Olga Samaroff will be the soloist.

Hans Kronold, the accomplished 'cellist, from Manhattan, played the "Symphonic Variations," by Boellmann, and the "Hungarian Rhapsody," by Popper, at the concert of the Choral Art Society, given at Association Hall Wednesday night. The society sang the Christmas song, arranged by Franz, and the ever beautiful "Holy Night," by Michael Haydn. Modern music added interest to the program. Max Herzberg accompanied for Mr. Kronold.

Friday evening, January 18, Dr. Otto Neitzel will give his lecture recital on the Richard Strauss opera, "Salome at Association Hall, under the auspices of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

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~ The younger pupils of the Berta Grosse-Thomason Piano School played at a special musicale at the school on Saturday morning, January 12. ~

The Cantata Society, of Brooklyn, conducted by George Valentine Ellery, gave its sixth concert at Crosby Hall, Wednesday evening, assisted by Marian Louise Bailey, pianist, and Anna Lewis Tice, soprano. The "Miserere," from "Trovatore," and "Hail, Bright Abode," from "Tannhäuser," were the principal numbers in the program.

Oscar Murray a Benedict.

Oscar J. Murray, identified for many years with musical management in Brooklyn, was married on December 18, to Emma Helen Minor, formerly of Hot Springs, Ark. The ceremony was performed in Plymouth Church by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Hillis. Announcement of this quiet wedding was made last week. The newly wedded pair are living in Manhattan. Mr. Murray is now in the magazine business.

Mascagni in Munich.

Pietro Mascagni has accepted an invitation of the Concert Direction Emil Gutmann, in Munich, to direct there an orchestral concert with his own compositions.

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SAMAROFF WITH THE PITTSBURG ORCHESTRA IN CLEVELAND.

The following press notices indicate that Olga Samaroff achieved another great success with the Pittsburg Orchestra, in Cleveland, last week:

Samaroff is Feature of Third Concert.-Olga Samaroff and last night's audience at Grays' Armory quickly made friends after she had played the opening bars of Liszt's E flat concerto, and in response to the liberal applause the party of the first part gave encore after encore to entertain the party of the second part; so that when arter encore to entertain the party of the second part; so that when the concert was ended Madame Samaroff had very firmly wedged her way into local affections. She is a splendid artist. She plays with-out affectations and mannerisms, and produces a brilliant yet deli-cate tone. Her technic is remarkable. Withal, her performance is wholly satisfactory, and music lovers will always welcome her when she returns to Cleveland.—Cleveland News, January 9, 1907.

Olga Samaroff in her pianism maintained the exceptional standard prevailing. The Lisat concerto was played with a brilliancy and virtuoso touch that fairly electrified the audience. Her style is virile, and her tone production sonorous and resonant, which gives to her playing nobility and authority. I have heard Chopin played to her playing nobility and authority. I have heard Chopin played with more subtle and evanescent charm, but Samaroff evidently believes in the "Greater Chopin" and—truth to tell—I indorse her belief. When a pianist lifts an audience off its feet and grouses such spontaneous enthusiasm as did Madame Samaroff, she has indeed the gift of inspiration. Mosakowski's "Etincelles"—given as one of her encores—was played with a perfection that fairly scintillated and sparkled.—Cleveland Press, January 9, 1907.

Madame Samaroff Takes Audience. Despite Her Youth, She Betrays Unusual Power and Poetry.—Olga Samaroff fully held her own in the Lisst E flat concerto. Her interpretation of this well known work was marked by an intelligent and poetical conception, a beautiful tone and brilliant technie. It easily made its way to the affections of the audience. Madame Samaroff is very young. In spite of her youth she has succeeded in impressing her sincerity. She possesses artistic qualities of a lofty type. Her emotions are not fully awakened, but the poet in her is so pronounced that the alumbering emotions seem only part of her real possessions.—Cleveland Leader, January 9, 1907. bering emotions seem on Leader, January 9, 1907.

Olga Samaroff, a pianist, enhanced the success of the concert already brilliant. She genuinely deserves the name of artist. She does not pound, she does not maunder into saccharine tone, nor does she over emphasize nor diaregard the laws of rhythm. Moreover, her pianistic virtues are far from being purely negative. In the Chopin etude, op. 25, No. 7, her tone was sweet and yet virile, and when ringing through the Grays' Armory with a fine resonance which made it seem even larger the further one sat from the stage. In the Scriabine nocturne, given as an encore, her cunning fingers found out the vital tones in every wide spanned chord, linked them into a melody as clearly emphasized as the lines on a steel engraving, subordinated the accompaniment into tasteful harmonic background—in fact, played with a symmetry all too rare.

The Lisat concerto with its simulated themes is hardly the vehicle for fathomless emotion; Madame Samaroff dashed off the tremendous octave passages with great ease, though perhaps with a lack of the sheer noise demanded by the work, with pearly cleanness and roundness of detail, and with sparkle and esprit. The Chopin polenaise, op. 54, and the finale of the Chopin B minor sonats suffered from the same lack of pianistic brawn; but in the Moszkowski "Etin-Olga Samaroff, a pianist, enhanced the success of the concert al

from the same lack of pianistic brawn; but in the Moszkowski "Etti-celles" Madame Samaroff played with daintiness and fairylike grace—an exquisite color of tone and feeling which marked her for a piano poet par excellence.—Cleveland Plain Dealer, January 9, 1907.

Madame Donalda a Guest of the Canadian Club.

Madame Donalda, one of the gifted prime donne at the Manhattan Opera House, was a guest of honor at a recent reception given by the Canadian Club, at the Hotel Normandie. Besides singing in the duet with her husband, Monsieur Seveilhac, from "Trovatore," Mme. Donalda made a graceful speech. She said: "I am a Canadian, and am proud of it. If I have won success in opera, my reward is that I have also won the approval of you, my countrymen." Neil McPhatter, president of the club, welcomed Mme. Donalda as the guest of honor, and formally presented her to the members of the club and their guests. A. A. Cooper delivered an address, and presented Mme. Donalda a copy of it in illuminated let-ters and the seal of the club. Col. Alexander Bacon made a speech on "The Two Republics." Another address of the evening was made by the Rev. Dr. Anthony H. Evans, on "Optimism." It was at the conclusion of the speeches that Mme. Donalda and her husband sang the number from Verdi's popular opera.

Facts in the Career of A. S. Vogt.

A. S. Vogt, conductor of the Mendelssohn Choir, of Toronto, received his musical education in Germany. For eighteen years he was organist and choirmaster of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, of Toronto, a position which he resigned last May because of the pressure of other duties. The choir of that church was considered to be the finest in Canada. The Mendelssohn Choir, of 220 voices, was organized in 1894, and its only conductor has been Mr. Vogt.

In recognition of his services in the cause of music in his native land, Mr. Vogt was honored, last summer, by the University of Toronto with the degree of Mus. Doc. (honoris causa). He is examiner in music in the university and is a teacher of the piano in the Toronto Conservatory of Music, which last season had an enrollment of 1,600 students. Mr. Vogt is the author of a work on piano technic, which first published in 1900, is now

GREATER NEW YORK.

At the American Institute of Applied Music, Kate S. Chittenden, dean, there was a students' informal recital

Friday evening, January 11. As usual at these affairs, a large audience listened to a short program, consisting of solos for piano and violin, and vocal solos with piano accompaniment. The pianists were Anastasia Nugent, Florence Carman, Marjorie Sells, Ethel Blankenhorn, Lila M. Hall, Ethel Peckham. The violinists were Master Solly Lenkowsky, William Small, Josephine McMartin, Elizabeth The singers were Margaret McCalla, Katherine Walker, Georgia Anderson, Adelaide O'Brien, Margaret M. Boyd, Mabel C. Rogers. These young students all showed commendable earnestness in study, and progress commensurate with their efforts.

A soirée musicale by senior pupils of Cornelie Meysen-heim in the Myrtle Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, on the evening of January 10, deserves more than this brief mention, because of its highly artistic carrying out, and the social éclat attending the affair. Mme. Meysenheim, who was the first European singer to bring forward the Strauss songs, now instructor at the Metropolitan Opera School, has a large clientèle of talented pupils, and annual sometimes in operatic costume and accessories, show their progress.

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Josephine Miller Reed, contralto, and Harry L. Reed, tenor, were soloists at the last Women's Philharmonic Society concert. Their singing was enthusiastically applauded During the social intermission and encores demanded. expressions were heard on the rare and unique quality of Mrs. Reed's voice and of the pleasure it gave to all. Of Mr. Reed's singing it was said that not often did one hear such interpretative powers, such a wide range of voice, and such command of high notes combined. This couple is becoming very prominent, and they are in demand for high class concerts. Mr. Reed recently sang at a meeting of the Poets' Club, in West End avenue, where he made a

J. Lester Janeski, tenor, who was for a time in the Middle West, making St. Louis his headquarters, where he sang in a leading church, found the climate there too trying, so that a short stay sufficed to convince him that New York was good enough for him. He has returned, and is busy with pupils, and as substitute in church quartets. He is an experienced, reliable singer, with a large acquaintance with vocal and sacred musical literature.

Saturday afternoon, January 12, the Rubinstein Club. Mrs. Harry Wallerstein, president, gave the third musicale of the season at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The rain fell in torrents, but it failed to dampen the ardor of the listeners. The Astor Gallery was crowded, and extra chairs were placed for the unusual number of members and guests The program presented by the chairman, Marie Cross-Newhaus, was a brilliant one, and the numbers were encored. Said a music lover: "The programs grow better each time," and following the concert the ladies crowded to the platform to congratulate Mrs. Wallerstein and Mmc. Newhaus upon the success of the day.. This was the pro-

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Accompanists, Elizabeth Ruggies, Bertha J. Kleman.

Reception, Mrs. Wm. R. Chapman; ushers, Mrs. Walter Phillips.

Mrs. Charles O. Mass, Mrs. John Storer, Mary J. Baker, Mrs.

Ellsworth Childs, Anna B. Wood.

Irwin Hassell, the pianist, has been engaged to play the "Peer Gynt" music, by Grieg, at the reading of Ibsen's drama of that name, to be given by Richard Damon Lyon (of the Mansfield company), at the Hotel Astor, Janu-

ary 17, in the afternoon. The same evening he will be the t at a concert given in the Pouch Mansion, Brooklyn, for the benefit of the Williamsburg Hospital, when he will play Liszt's "Pesther Carneval" and tarantelle. His playing at the Hippodrome at a holiday concert was very much liked, and he was forced to play two encores.

Elizabeth K. Patterson's studio musicale, in which two pupils-Mary Edith Dunshee and Marion des Marets-took part, singing several solos, and followed by songs by Miss Patterson, attracted a goodly audience on the afternoon of January 8. The two young women have pleasant voices and sang with intelligence and skill, giving promise of further artistic development. Miss Patterson sang standard songs by Lotti, Gounod, Dvorák, Bemberg, MacDowell, a group by Hallett Gilberte, and sang them with fine taste, nice legato, and evident understanding of the style of each. Mrs. Gilberte gave pleasure by her reading of two excerpts, especially the "Waltz Quadrille," with its subdued piano obligato. Mrs. Leith Macgregor, who earlier had shown herself an excellent accompanist, played a brilliant piano solo, and Mr. Gilberte finished the program by singing some of his own graceful songs.

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Lalage Fletcher, sister of Evelyn A. Fletcher-Copp, is a soprano with a very clear, high and sweet soprano voice. She recently sang Bemberg's "Nymphs and Fauns" waltz, "The Sweetest Flower," by Van der Stucken, and Chaminade's "Madrigal," displaying the foregoing qualities. Her style is musical and sympathetic and her enunciation ex-

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J. Christopher Marks has issued, through his publishers, a new Easter cantata, "Victory Divine." Orders have been placed by many leading churches for this melodious and pleasing work. Mr. Marks' "Now the Day Is Over" and his "The Day Is Past and Over" are two of the best known anthems of this composer, often found on church programs. Mrs. Marks has just returned from a brief holiday visit to Syracuse, her native city.

Carrie H. Neidhardt, the Brooklyn 'cellist, had engagements on these dates during the last ten days of December: December 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31.

Eva Emmet Wycoff, the soprano, whose experience in church and concert makes her a particularly available singer, because of extended knowledge and acquaintance with such musical literature, has removed to 108 West One Hundred and Forty-first street. She has a number of engagements as substitute in church quartets and several good pupils.

Marie Cross-Newhaus has sent cards for her second Sunday evening musicale, to be given January 27, at her residence-studios, 434 Fifth avenue. A fine program is promised by well known artists, with the usual gathering of society people. These evenings are characterized by the large number of professional musicians who are present, and who give pleasure to each other and the audience.

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PE 10 Hallett Gilberte and Mrs. Gilberte have issued cards for Thursday, January 17, from 4 to 6, Hotel Flanders,

West Forty-seventh street. ~

The Allied Arts Association of Brooklyn, encouraged by the success of their performance of "The Magic Flute," has issued, through President Eugene V. Brewster, subscription blanks in support of a week of grand opera, quoting also a score of very complimentary press notices of prominent Brooklyn and Manhattan papers. The projwill undoubtedly go through.

John Hermann Loud, the Boston organist, sends friends the Christmas program of the First Baptist Church of Newton Centre, Mass., of which he is the esteemed organist, when Parker's "The Holy Child" was sung, and which included as the service postlude the "Hallelujah Chorus";

another program, that of his 164th free organ recital. January 7; and two programs played by him on the Auditorium organ of Sioux City, Ia., in November. They all show good work, with standard composers represented by some of their best works. He expects to be present at the annual dinner of the Organists' Guild in May. ~

Robert L. Paul, whose trio for piano, violin and 'cello, produced at a Manuscript Society concert last year, left such a pleasant impression, has been appointed organist and choirmaster of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, at Catonsville, Md.

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Percy Hemus and Horace H. Kinney leave for a short tour in the central and southern portions of New York State, visiting Owego, Norwich and other prosperous towns, where they have appeared before with success

Progress of Musicians in Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., Innuary Nettie Greer Taylor, who has been first contralto in the Lakme Quartet since its organization, has resigned that position, much to the regret of her admirers. Lulu Dahl Miller will succeed Mrs. Taylor. Rehearsals are to commence at once under the direction of Mrs. Warren E.

Word comes from Munich, Germany, that Laura Vaughn and Ella S. Mason, who have been traveling in Europe, are established there for the winter. Miss Vaughn is to study violin and piano, and Miss Mason, German.

Bullard's cantata, "The Holy Infant," was given the first time on the Pacific Coast, at the First Congregational Church, by its choir, during the Christmas holidays. The extra baritone solos required in the composition were sung very acceptably by John Claire Monteith. Both ensemble and solo work throughout was most commendable Leonora Fischer is director of the choir.

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Another notable recent musical event in Portland was the performance of "The Messiah," at St. David's Episcopal Church. With the exception of soloists, the work was entirely by the boy choir of this church, and was remarkably well done. The soloists were Sabine Dent, soprano, and John Claire Monteith, baritone, also two boy straltos, Clyde Phillips and Archie Roth, both of whom did excellently well. The performance was under the direction of Frederick W. Goodrich, choirmaster and organist of St. David's Church

@ @ Marie Soule was hostess at a delightful invitation musicale at her home last week. Annie Ditchburn, soprano; Miss Hubbard, contralto; Mr. Monteith, baritone; Mr. Rathbone, tenor, and Miss Merrick, violinist, participated in the program.

(C) (C) Mrs. Fletcher Linn has returned from her Christmas outing, and resumed her place in the choir of the First Presbyterian Church,

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Two of Madame Carroll's students have been winning local laurels: Leslie Weidler played at a musicale at the home of Mrs. Edward Marshall, at Pendleton, Ore., and Emma Fordyce gave a difficult program, most brilliantly. at Boise, Idaho. The performance of both these young ladies created much favorable comment from comjudges. EDITH L. NILES.

Good Programs Heard in Houston, Tex.

Houston, Tex., January 8, 1907.

At a musicale given at the Diehl Conservatory, Thursday evening, January 3, the program was made up of music by French and American composers. The singers were George P. Warner, Harry Swinford, W. G. Hurd and Edna McDonald. Mrs. McDonald was also one of the composers, as two of her songs-"The Wanderer" and "The Wild Rose"-were sung by Mr. Swinford. Mrs. Mc-Donald sang the Gounod "Ave Maria" to organ, piano and flute accompaniment. A. B. Riche played the Godard berceuse as a 'cello solo. Max Blumenfeld, violinist, played "The Prayer," by Thomé. Organ numbers by George W. Heinzelman completed the offerings.

Good musical programs were given both at the First and Second Presbyterian churches last Sunday. The vocal quartet at the First Church is composed of Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Swinford, Mr. Haslam and Herbert Gates. Paul's Church, on Sunday night, Elizabeth Howell sang a setting of "Calm is the Night," by Dressler.

Macmillen to Take Cesar Thomson's Place.

Francis Macmillen has been engaged to play for the Amphion Club, of St. Louis, on January 29 in place of César Thomson, the Belgian violinist, whose American tour has been indefinitely postponed.

AN INTERVIEW WITH RUDOLPH GANZ.

CHICAGO Tanuary 14, 1907.

Interviewing musical celebrities is not the easiest task in the world, thought a certain interviewer not long since. If one has had any experience with the artistic temperament and its chameleon moods and vagaries, the proverb is recalled about "Where angels fear to tread," etc. When the interviewer wends his way to the sanctum sanctorum of the elect (in answer to the stern call of duty), in quest of art material à la impressionist, or news gathering au gratin (according to the individual point of view), it is usually in a spirit of defiance, "aut vincere aut mori."

But, voila! all pessimistic forebodings were dispelled like the mist before the sun, in the sincere and reassuring handclasp of the genial Rudolph Ganz, and the courteous, charming manner as he said: "How good of you to come." With restored circulation and equilibrium, a mental metamorphosis takes place and one affirms that nothing finer can be imagined than the privilege to interview a sane, representative member of the profession. Tall, tense and magnetic, and amiability personified, it was the easiest task in the world to ask this suave and affable pianist something about his triumphs abroad and plans for the future. As Ganz is one of the few exponents of the essentially modern and ultra modern in piano music, the question was asked: "What compositions did you play abroad by the Frenchman, Maurice Ravel?"

"Ah! Maurice Ravel, that is an interesting question. Ravel is an extreme ultra modern. His 'Jeux d'eau' I have played many times, at least forty time in America and twenty times in Europe. An interesting anecdote was told me by his publisher concerning this composition. Ravel came and asked him to publish it, as he wished to give it as a Christmas present to some friends, and within two years it brought in over 400 francs in royalties."

On its première performance, in London, June 1, 1904, the following criticism from the Monthly Musical Review is of interest: "For sheer ugliness the palm must be allotted to M. Ravel's 'Jeux d'eau,' which, apparently, was written merely as a protest against all conceived notions of harmony and without any regard to melody or design." So, it is without question, in a great measure, due to Rudolph Ganz's clairvoyant insight into musical meanings that this composition has become a popular favorite. And Ganz might have added that although every one buys it, few can play it.

All planists will be interested to know that Mr. Ganz has in preparation five new Ravel numbers, much more esoteric and astonishing than any previous offering of this thirty year old Frenchman.

"How about the Alkan cadenza to Beethoven's C minor concerto?"

"Oh, yes, what a fuss was made over my playing it, and all because Alkan borrowed his theme from the fifth symphony. But it is wonderful, it is a monument to Beethoven. I am now working on Alkan's biggest concerto and his great etudes, and do not hesitate to say that the time will come when Alkan will rival Liszt in the popularity of his piano compositions."

"What do you think of the Paur B flat minor con-

"The Paur concerto is in the big style of Rubinstein and finely well orchestrated. In Berlin, where I played it for the first time, the composer conducting the first and third movements, were very well received. I shall play it again with the Pittsburg Orchestra concerts on March t and 2."

What was my impression of Monsieur d'Indy, com poser, pianist, Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, and continued Ganz in answer to another question. Why, he writes the 'cleanest' scores since Mozart. His 'Montagnarde" symphony for piano and orchestra met with the greatest success. In Berlin a repetition was demanded, and I played it twice in one week, d'Indy conducting, with the Philharmonic Orchestra, and later in Munich with Spiering and the Kaim Orchestra. It was composed fourteen years ago, and is not quite as revo-lutionary as d'Indy's later works, and is absolutely correct in form and counterpoint. Yes, d'Indy is of the mystic cult, exclusive, and enigmatical to some, and a disci-ple of Bach and César Franck. Every two weeks he gives big concert with works from these two masters alone. His school, Schola Cantorum, is in an old convent in Paris, and its fame is extending all over Europe. His orchestra, composed of the pupils, has for its sole object fine orchestral nuance and expression and is quite celebrated. Indeed, I have a great admiration for Monsieur d'Indy.'

"Here is something I am very proud of," Ganz went on; "the score of Busoni's new concerto for piano, orchestra and chorus, presented to me by the composer, my old teacher. You may say I shall consider it the duty of my life to bring it before the public at the earliest opportunity. It is recognized as one of the greatest works of the last twenty years, and there is no question in my mind of the ultimate victorious recognition awaiting it. It is possible that Busoni may visit America next year. He was the

conductor on the memorable occasion of my playing the Beethoven C minor concerto with the Alkan cadenza."

Among the contemporary works Ganz is playing with great success are Debussy's "Les Masques" and "L'Isle Joyeuse."

The Chicago musical world will rejoice at the return of its great pianist, and regret that it is but temporary. His talented wife, Mary Forrest Ganz, came back with him, and will give a song recital in Music Hall at an early date, when the program will number several of his songs.

The Tschaikowsky concerto, which Ganz played in Berlin, Zurich and Basel, he will perform in this country for the first time with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at the Chicago Auditorium on January 30. On the 20th Ganz is to give a recital here at Music Hall.

THEODOR BOHLMANN AS A TEACHER.

Theodor Bohlmann's class at the Horn Conservatory is rapidly growing in quality and quantity of pupils. The demand for his services as a teacher is so great that Professor Gustav Hollander saw himself obliged to make special arrangements with Mr. Bohlmann to induce him to teach above contract time this year. Among the Americans who followed him to Berlin from his Cincinnati class and would not hear of studying with anybody else, either in America or Europe, is Frederic C. Mayer, from Hamilton, Ohio, who used to be the head of the piano department of Caldwell College, in Danville, Ky., during a number of years.

He recently played the Saint-Saëns concerto, op. 44, in C minor at the class, when Professor Hollander was present, and immediately was called upon by the latter to perform this composition with orchestra in a large public concert to be given in Beethoven Hall early in March. He was at the same time dispensed from playing



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this work previously at the regular recitals at the Horn Conservatory Hall, a fact which speaks volumes for the wonderful certainty and fine musicianship displayed by Mr. Mayer, when playing this composition with his master on two pianos for the director of the Horn Conservatory. Mr. Mayer played the concerto, however, at a semipublic affair, at a musicale given Sunday afternoon, the 30th of December, at the charming residence of Mr. and Mrs. Theodor Bohlmann in the swell west part of Berlin, situated in Prague street, No. 21, a house well known to all music lovers of Berlin. Upon the same occasion two other brilliant pupils from Mr. Bohlmann's class performed ambitious works. Winifred Burston, from Brisbane, Australia, played the Beethoven C minor concerto with the Liszt cadenza, and Eugénie de Brussilowsky, from Odessa, Russia, gave the first movement of her great compatriot's, Anton Rubinstein's, D minor concerto. At the end of the entertainment Theodor Bohlmann himself played a group of Liszt and Chopin 2010s.

The next of these delightful informal entertainments will have a number of Mr. Bohlmann's own compositions on the program. Mrs. Bohlmann, with the inborn social talent of an American lady of great refinement, has earned quite a reputation in making these Sunday afternoons a display of most exquisite style and of most cordial hospitality for her guests.

possible that Busoni may visit America next year. He is Felix Weingartner invited Theodor Bohlmann to spend working on two operas at the present time. He was the a few hours at his Berlin home, which he makes with rel-

atives of his wife, the other day, and received his old friend, whom he had not seen for any length of time, since his Leipsic Conservatory days in the beginning of the 80's, last century, with open arms and utmost cordiality. He displayed the greatest interest in Mr. Bohlmann's orchestral and vocal compositions, which are to be heard in Berlin in the near future, and informed Mr. Bohlmann, to his greatest delight, that he had proposed his name as substitute for himself for the performance of the piano part of the Weingartner sextet for piano and strings at a musical Weingartner festival to be given in Arolsen, in consequence of his own time being so occupied, as to make his presence impossible, and on account of the great success, of which he heard, when in America, achieved by Theodor Bohlmann in Cincinnati with this composition, where it found its first American performance.

MUSIC IN CANADA.

Toronto Events.

TORONTO, December 31, 1906.

H. M. Fletcher has accepted the appointment of director of the Toronto University Glee Club, which will sing during January at St. Catharine's, Hamilton, Brampton, Orangeville, Guelph, Georgetown, and at College Street Baptist Church, in this city. Mr. Fletcher is favorably known as conductor of the Schubert Choir, and also the People's Choral Union, two successful local organizations.

Frances S. Morris, pianist, of the Toronto Conservatory of Music's staff, has returned to Toronto this month, after a prolonged course of study abroad. Among her instructors were Severin Eisenberger, of the Stern Conservatory, and Jose Vianna da Motta, of Berlin. She also attended the interpretation classes held early in the present season by Busoni. This European sojourn must have been a delight to Miss Morris, who is a musician of exceptional ability as well as an experienced teacher.

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The committee on the preparation of a new Church of England Hymnal met on January 2 in St. James' Cathedral schoolhouse. Those present were the Bishop of Huron, vice chairman, who presides in the absence of the Bishop of Ottawa; Archdeaeen Fortin, Winnipeg; Rev. Prof. Clark, Trinity College; Rev. Canon Welch, Rev. A. H. G. Decker, St. Luke's, Toronto; Rev. Dyson Hague, London; Rev. Frederick George Scott, Quebec; Canon Crawford, Halifax; Charles Jenkins, Petrolea; E. G. Henderson, Windsor; W. B. Carroll, Gananoque; J. L. Jennison, New Glasgow, N. S., and James Edmund Jones, secretary, Toronto. The committee will continue in session for about a week.

A notable performance of Handel's "Messiah" was given at Massey Music Hall before a very large and appreciative audience on the evening of December 27. Dr. F. H. Torrington conducted the Festival Chorus and Orchestra effectively, and the soloists were: Eileen Millett, soprano; Grace Merry, contralto; E. P. Johnson, tenor, and Ruthven Macdonald, bass. Mrs. H. M. Blight gave able support at the organ. Dr. Torrington has made a noble effort to keep this inspiring oratorio in the hearts and minds of his fellow-citizens, for he has produced it here about thirty times within the past thirty years.

J. M. Sherlock, of Toronto, has been engaged to sing the tenor solos in "The Messiah" with the Belleville Philharmonic Society, of which Vincent Hunt, Mus. Bac., is the director.

Today it is announced in Toronto that Mrs. Le Grand Reed, the dramatic soprano, who recently studied with Jean de Reszké, has been engaged for the Canadian tour of the Pittsburg Orchestra. Much local interest is centered in Mrs. Reed's concert in this city on January 19.

A number of Canadians are taking practical interest in advancing the cause of the MacDowell Fund. Prominent among those who are extending their influence in its behalf is Dr. Edward Fisher, musical director of the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

On January 12, Mrs. R. J. Dilworth, soprano, will sing at the first of the exceptionally fine series of organ recitals to be given fortnightly, at 4 p. m., by Arthur Ingham, at Central Methodist Church, in this city.

Heloise Keating, the Canadian harpist, who has gained distinction on two continents, has postponed her concert of January 26, owing to the announcement that a brilliant ball, in which many local people are interested, will take place at the Clifton Hotel, Niagara Falls, on that date.

Henry S. Lautz has joined the vocal staff of the Toronto Conservatory, where he will make specialties of tone production, German songs and oratorio. M. H.

SAN CARLO OPERA IN NEW ORLEANS.

NEW OBLEANS, January 11, 1907.

The San Carlo Opera Company gave a remarkably fine performance of "Lucia di Lammermoor".last week. This somewhat antiquated opera, although it contains delightful melodies, and one or two great ensembles, is nevertheless mostly dependent for its success on the artists who are

singing the principal roles.

was a fresh occasion for the public to tender an enthusiastic ovation to Nielsen and Constantino, who may be truthfully said to have shared honors in the singing of their respective roles. Miss Nielsen as Lucia had every opportunity to make a display of vocal gynastics, a display which is the inevitable concomitant of a famous prima If Nielsen's claim to priority in her profession depended solely upon vocal fireworks, she would easily take a first prize, for certainly her remarkable singing of the mad scene brought us back to the palmy days of Madame Melba, when that golden voiced singer was first heard in Covent Garden about sixteen years ago. It has been frequently and very rightly asserted that comparisons between one great singer and another are both odious and futile, but as the entire press of this city seemed to take it for granted that Nielsen's singing of the mad scene had to be measured by the standard created by her famous rival, it is only fair to the more youthful prima donna to state that she did not disappoint the most ardent admirers of Madame Melba. Miss Nielsen was obviously suffering with a severe cold, doubtless due to the sudden changes of climate which are so frequent in New Orleans, and which often prove so disastrous to the singers who come here. This did not prevent her, however, from doing justice to the difficult music which she had to sing. stantino proved himself one of the greatest Edgardos who has ever been heard on the lyric stage. His acting was as remarkable as his singing. There are no encomiums which are too high for his exquisite singing of the last act and for the dramatic fervor he displayed in the famous third The resources both vocal and histrionic of this great Spanish tenor are truly astounding, and the day that New York is fortunate enough to hear him it would not be surprising were he to eclipse the triumphs of his famous predecessors.

If Constantino possessed nothing more than his extraordinarily beautiful voice, this would in itself be sufficient to guarantee his career in the United States; but he is handsome, graceful, a good phraser, a fine artist, and one of the best actors (if not the best) who has ever been

gifted with a voice.

The beautiful sextet was admirably sung, and Angelini Formari's clear baritone voice materially helped toward the success of the evening.

Maestro Conti held his orchestra and chorus in perfect unison, and such is the personal magnetism of this truly remarkable conductor that he seems to control the public with the same power as he does his orchestra. On three occasions during the opera the public endeavored to force a "bis"—once from Nielsen in the mad scene, once from Constantino in the fourth scene, and one for the sextet in the third act, but Conti was obdurate and looked around definantly at the public, which is gradually beginning to understand that the day has passed when noisy interruptions and exaggerated demonstrations in the middle of the performance will be encouraged by an intelligent conductor or truly artistic singers.

Katharine Goodson's Playing.

There are appended some German press notices of Katharine Goodson, the talented young English pianist, who will make her American début this month with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Boston:

Sympnony Orcnestra in Boston:

Katharine Goodson appeared as soloist with the first concerto of Brahms in D minor. This sturdy work demands self-denial from the soloist—all thought of graceful passage work and brawara playing must be put aside. On the other hand, he must go deeper into the difficulties of a composition which, at the first hearing, is mose too attractive. It must be recognized that this concerto, which at first aroused general opposition in Leipsic, which then only appeared at long intervals with undecided success, and for which Būlow and d'Albert were the first to do the real pioneer work, has always to fight afreah for a victory. Yesterday, after the first movement, this victory seemed still doubtful; but from that point Miss Goodson obtained more and more the mastery over her task and over her hearers, and at last reached home covered with glory. The pianist mastered her beautiful instrument with energy; the passages came out clear and full of strength; her sureness in octave playing was imposing, and for the more delicate parts she found the true expression. How Nikisch handled the orchestra was a masterpiece in itself.—Hamburger Nachrichten.

Wednesday's symphony concert brought as guests to Essen a rapidly rising star, already known here in the Musikverein concerts, namely, Katharine Goodson, from London; she played the D minor concerto of Brahms. Miss Goodson has great qualities; an absolutely clear and refused technic, and a touch full of poetry and charm; neithen is she lacking in power, and her strong rhythmical feeling is striking. All in all, a healthy and strongly musical nature. The finale of the concerto was played with brilliant verve, and the variations of Mozart were also splendidly given. Both after these and after the concerto the audience was roused to great applause.—Essener General Anxeiger.

At the fifth concert of the Essen Musikverein, Katharine Goodson, from London, appeared as the soloist. This fine artist played

the piano concerto in B flat by Peter Tachaikowsky with brilliant technic, and a conception showing real understanding. At the end of each movement the public expressed its thanks for such an artistic treat with ever increasing applause. After the next anumber, the "Variations Serieusea" of Mendelssohn, the richly deserved applause was so loud and lasting that the artist, to whom a beautiful laurel wreath was presented, was obliged to appear again and again, and at last to give an encore.—Volkazeitung, Essen.

LHEVINNE'S SECOND RECITAL.

That admirable pianist, Josef Lhévinne, gave his second New York recital, at Carnegie Hall, on Sunday afternoon, January 13, before an exceptionally large and enthusiastic audience. The program was as follows:

| Eroica Variations | Beethoven |
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| Sonata, op. g | Brahms |
| Nocturne, B major | Chopin |
| Etude, D flat | Chopin |
| Etude, C minor | Chopin |
| Etude, A major | Poldini |
| Marche Mignonne | Poldini |
| Prelude (for the left hand) | . Scriabine |
| Etude, D flat | Scriabine |
| Etude, C major | Rubinstein |
| En Route | Godard |

Lhévinne will surely be blessed for playing music that is not heard any too often in New York. And if there are any distinctions to be made in the pianistic hereafter, he will also receive some added honors for playing his uncon-

ventional programs exceedingly well.

The "Eroica" variations, in some respects the best piano usic Beethoven ever wrote, revealed Lhévinne to be in his finest form at the very start, and as the recital progressed he adhered to the high standard which he established at its opening. The variations were read with thorough exposition of their musical content, and the heroic fugued finale lacked neither in power nor in potency. Also the other long number on the program, Brahms' F minor sonata, lovely and poetical in its first three movements, had sympathetic and effective interpreter in Lhévinne, who played the opening part with virile grasp, the andante with mellow, singing tone and exquisite pedal manipulation, and the scherzo with ebullient humor. The remaining two movements are the weakest of the five, and no one can create any overpowering effect with them. Lhévinne did his best and that was at least interesting. The Chooin ambers were played with a deal of finish, but, on the whole, they do not reveal the most fascinating side of the Russian pianist's art. In the Poldini and Scriabine selections he was in a domain which seems essentially his own, and he displayed all those ingratiating phases of tone and technic which were admired in his earlier appearances here and which first helped to establish his local renown. The Rubinstein etude was not the familiar "staccato" composition, but the one on "false notes," and Lhévinne did the passage work with considerable virtuosity. The Godard piece, a wrist study par excellence, ended most brilliantly a recital which again emphasized Lhévinne's right to be ranked favorably with the most dignified and interesting virtuosos of the top flight.

The applause throughout the concert was of the warmest kind and forced Lhevinne to give thanks in the shape of many bows and encores.

Campanari at Bagby's Musical Morning.

Leandro Campanari was the instrumental soloist at Bagby's 154th "musical morning" in the Waldorf-Astoria, Monday of this week. The singers were Fremstad and Gilibert, and Arthur Rosenstein was the accompanist. Campanari played "Andantino," by Lalo; Wieniawski's

Campanari played "Andantino," by Lalo; Wieniawski's "First Polonaise" and "Andalusian and Spanish Dance," by Sarasate. The violinist achieved an unequivocal success. So vehemently was he applauded that he would have been justified in adding encores, but this he modestly refrained from doing. The tone which Campanari educes from his violin (the famous Vuillaume made for Paganini) is always satisfying. His style is that of the mature artist, ripe musicianship being disclosed in all he does. He was heard by a very large and fashionable audience.

Hrs. De Hoss and Marie Nichols in Joint Recital.

Mary Hissem de Moss and Marie Nichols have been engaged for a joint recital at Norfolk, Va., on the evening of January 24. This is one of the Charlton-Miller concerts, a series which has been inaugurated with great success.

Elsa Ruegger Due the End of January.

Elsa Ruegger, the Belgian 'cellist, who will arrive for a tour under Loudon Charlton's direction the last of this month, has been engaged by the New York Philharmonic Society for the pair of concerts on February 8 and 9.

Baron Berthold at Mayence.

Baron Berthold, a tenor, well known in America, has been engaged for opera at Mayence, Germany, and opened there end of December as Tannhäuser.

MUSICAL NEWS FROM ROCHESTER.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., January 11, 1902. The first concert of the Musical Art Choir, of Rochester, Heinrich Jacobsen, organizer and conductor, was given at Haines Hall last night before an enthusiastic audience. The old music presented during the evening was beauti fully sung and was well worth the trip the writer took from Buffalo to hear Mr. Jacobsen's singers. The "Ave Maria" of Palestrina revealed the voices of the choir to good advantage. The singers heard in this prayer included ten sopranos, seven altos, six tenors, three baritones and three basses. Two of the singers formerly resided in Buffalo-Elinor Holman, soprano, and Mrs. M. V. V. Smith, contralto, whose beautiful voices are much admired. The second number, a motet for four parts, "Magnum Mysterium," in which the mystery of the incarnation is the theme, by Vittoria, was sung unaccompanied. Two Bo-hemian Christmas carols, "The Woodland Angelus" (delightfully rhythmic, by Dvorák), and "Spring Song" (Kopylow). "Sunrise" completed the program of songs. "Sunrise" was a tone poem, and part of it was repeated. The program was varied by the violin numbers of Margery Sherwin, of Batavia, who is an exponent of the Sevcik Her first number, sonata in D major, op. 5, method. Corelli, she played seated, as is customary abroad. most enjoyable numbers were three romantic compositions of Dvorák. The effect was greatly enhanced by the superlatively good accompaniments of Ludmila Vojacek, a Bohemian pianist, a favorite accompanist of Sevcik. It is declared here that the Musical Art Choir will be a strong educational factor in Rochester, and will always con a large audience. In April, the Tuesday Musical Chorus

by the Boston Festival Orchestra.

"Samson and Delilah," assisted

will present Saint-Saëns'

Hibbard E. Leach's pupils are doing excellent work. Several are with traveling organizations. The writer had the pleasure of hearing Lulu Gates, soprano of the Unitarian Church; also Frank Spencer, tenor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church and the Jewish Temple. Miss Gates has a very high soprano and is a brilliant young vocalist. Mr. Spencer has a big tenor robusto, very rich in tone. He sings easily and expressively dramatic music and descriptive lyrics. He is to sing tomorrow for the Mozart Club, of Jamestown, and Franklin Cameron, pianist, will be the other soloist. Mr. Spencer is a man who will make his mark in musical circles.

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Hans Lorenz has a beautiful studio in the Cornwall Building, where he teaches vocal music. Mr. Lorenz has a big choral club of 100 pupils, who are studying and practicing operatic music. He has been identified with musical organizations of note abroad, and is quite an agreeable man who has his time fully occupied with teaching.

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The Rochester Symphony Orchestra, Ludwig Schenck, director, ranks high as an organization, deservedly so. It numbers seventy members—twelve women violinists, two violas, three 'cello players, and the other instruments are played by fifty-four men. There are, of course, some male performers of the violin, viola and 'cello. Olga Samaroff was the soloist at the first concert. Olive Mead, violinist, will be the soloist at the next concert. February 11, and William Spragge, tenor, vocal vocalist. 'At the third concert the soloists will be Watkin Mills, English basso, and Maude Lee Bissell, pianist. Besides having many vocal and violin pupils, Mr. Schenck directs the choir of Salem Church, and is president of the Music Teachera' Association of this State.

Program for Gabrilowitsch Recital.

Ossip Gabrilowitsch will play the following program at his recital in Mendelssohn Hall, Saturday afternoon, January 19:

| Rondo, G major, op. 51Be | eethoven |
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| Prelude, A minor | Bach |
| Sarabande, E minor | Back |
| Gavotte, B minor (Bach)Arranged by Sai | nr-Saéns |
| Moment Musical, A flat major | Schubert |
| Menuet, B minor | Schubert |
| Sonata, B flat minor | . Chopin |
| Grave doppio movimento | |
| Scherzo, Marcia Funebre, Presto | Chopin |
| Prelude, A minor, op. 63 (new) | |
| Prelade, D minor, op. 63 (new) | |
| Intermezzo in OctavesLes | |
| Theme Varie, op. 4 (new) | |

Hawley-Davis Recital at the Walderf-Asteria.

Susan Hawley Davis, the contralto, will give a recital in the Myrtle Room of the Waldorf-Astoria, on Monday evening, January 21. Mrs. Davis will have the assistance of Arthur Foote at the piano, and the program will include some new and old Foote songs.

Francis Stuart in Health Again.

Francis Stuart, the well known vocal specialist of Carnegie Hall, who has been ill in hospital, is again at his studio.

CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, January 13, 1907

Mrs. McAlpin's recital Friday evening, January 18, in the Scottish Rite Hall promises a choice menu of classic numbers and the most popular novelties. Mrs. McAlpin possesses the rare faculty of combining the practical with the artistic side of things and keeping in touch with the demands of the times.

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Clara Baur announces a piano recital by Hans Richard in the concert hall of the Cincinnati University of Music on Monday evening, January 21. Program as follows: Organ fantasie and fugue, G minor, Bach-Liszt; Andantino and Allegro, Michael Angelo Rossi (1620-1660); sonata (Cappriccio), Scarlatti-Tausig; sonata appassionate, op. 57, Beethoven, allegro assai andante con moto allegro ma non troppo, presto; etude op. 10, No. 12, Chopin; canzonetta, Hans Huber; etude (valse impromptu), Hans Huber (dedicated to Busino); Bacchanale (from "Stimmungsbilder"), A. Dvorák; prelude, A. Liadoff; "A la Fontaine" (from "Pieces Lyriques"), G, Sgambati; scherzo ("Aus Meinem Tagebuch"), Max Reger; "Traumerei," Richard Strauss; etude ("Dans les Bois"), F. Liszt; Grand Galopp Cromatique, op. 12, Liszt.

The Cincinnati Conservatory of Music furnished a delightful program on the occasion of the annual meeting of the directors of the Widows' and Old Men's Home, Walnut Hills, on the afternoon of January 2. R R

Douglas Boxall, the young English pianist, of the Cin-cinnati Conservatory of Music, will give a piano recital in Nicholasville, Ky., on January 25. **心**

The music of the "Rose Croix Degree" was given in splendid style at the Cathedral of the Scottish Rite on Thursday evening under the direction of the organist, John Yoakley. The music of this and the preceding degrees has been highly commended. The Cathedral choir consists of the following soloists: Mrs. A. W. West, Mrs. F. M. Covalt, Mrs. C. S. Bennett and Miss Wuebden, sopranos; Miss Hamer, Mrs. R. P. Kabbes and Mrs. R. F. Smith, altos; Messrs. J. Schenke, W. A. Beck and J. N. Roberts, tenors; J. C. Hersh, W. A. Evans, F. W. Haas and W. R. Atkinson, bassos. The music for next Thursday will be performed by the double quartet of the Rite (male choir)-Messrs. J. N. Roberts, D. E. Griffith, C. Bartlett, W. A. Evans, F. W. Haas, J. C. Hersh and H. L. Korb.

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Hans Richard, of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, will play in Lexington, Ky., with the Lexington Symphony Orchestra on Thursday evening, January 17. the evening of January 11 he gave a piano recital at the Glendale Female College, Glendale, Ohio.

The large organ which was in the Temple of Music at the Pan-American Exposition, has been removed to Boston, where they have arranged for a number of Sunday recitals at which Professor Sterling, of the Metropolitan College of Music, will give part of the program he gave at the St. Louis Exposition and several new

@ @ The recital by pupils of the Oscar Ehrgott Voice School, announced for January 7, has been postponed to Monday evening, January 14, in the school music rooms. John O'Donnell, tenor, formerly connected with the school, is with the Dolly Varden Opera Company. Katharine Naefz, also a pupil, is now filling her third season as soloist with the "Sign of the Cross" Company.

The directors of the Cincinnati Musical Festival Asso ciation announce that preparations will begin at once for the 1908 May Festival. Additional voices will be accepted for the chorus, and ladies and gentlemen who wish become members are requested to apply to Conductor Van der Stucken in Greenwood Hall at the rehearsals.

食 食 The Music Lovers' Club met on Wednesday, January 9, presenting the following program: Ancient Music, Mrs. Gertrude Johann; Polyphonic Music, Mrs. Craven; Illustrations, Alice Hardeman Dulaney; Current Events, Mrs. Lyons.

The New York Symphony Orchestra gave a program of Russian music on Wednesday evening, January 9, in Music Hall. This was the second appearance of this orchestra during the present season in this city

Alexander Scriabine, the Russian composer and pianist, was welcomed by the Symphony audience yesterday after-noon in Music Hall. He played his own concerto F minor and for an encore his nocturne for the left hand.

Although not a giant among the virtuoso executants on the keyboard of the present day, Scriabine's playing is wonderfully poised and well proportioned. He plays, too,

as one who has reserve power and is not letting out his full strength. It was in the exceptionally difficult third movement that his virility of style, coupled with an extraordinary delicacy, was shown to best advantage. In it he developed an extraordinary speed and bravura, fully meeting orchestral demands of tone production in fortissimo passages. And it goes without saying that his reading was authoritative and musicianly. As to the orchestral support of the concerto, when it is considered that but one hasty rehearsal with the pianist was possible, it seems hardly credible that it should have been so good, and this feature, better than anything else, proves the present excellent form of the symphony forces.

The nocturne for left hand, played here last season for the first time by Lhévinne, was given with poetic dreaminess and tenderness as an encore by Scriabine. the concerto, the orchestra, under Mr. Van der Stucken's direction, gave the fifth symphony and the orchestral suite from "Namouna," by Lalo.

is always something out of the ordinary to listen to the fifth symphony, not because it is generally conceded to be the most popular of the immortal nine, but because this popularity rests upon the fact that in it Beethoven has largely described the conflicts, tumults and triumphs of his own life and of human life in general. From such a viewpoint it strikes everybody with keen interest and pleasure alike. Mr. Van der Stucken gave the symphony his characteristic and yet lofty reading. The opening bars he took quite fast, but the rest of the movement was consistent with his conception. It was cast in a sturdy, heroic mold, with the boldness and aggressiveness of the music finely chiseled out. The andante showed up telling contrasts and beautiful crescendos, the fortissimo passages being incisively played. The mood of exultation and triumph was magnificently sustained in the last movement, with terseness and concentration in all the orchestral choirs

The Lalo suite was a striking novelty and offered an educational contrast with the absolute music of Beethoven. Its demands on the orchestra-particularly in the last movement-were of cumulative difficulty, but in the most bewildering passages of the presto these were fully met. The crispness and blending with which the strings played in the "Theme Varie" was noteworthy, as also the imposing resonance of the brass in the prelude. Not to be forgotten is the beauty of tone which the first flute put into the obligato of the finale.

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The Boston Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Carl Muck, will give a single concert in Music Hall on the afternoon of February 2. J. A. HOMAN.

Ernest Schelling in Amsterdam.

The following is what the leading Amsterdam paper said about Ernest Schelling, after that pianist's appearance there at the Concertgebouw (Concert Hall):

At yesterday's matinee we heard a young artist, whose acquaintance as a pianist we made a few years ago at a concert of his own. Mr. Schelling gave the second concerto by Chopin and the fancisic polonaise, for piano with orchestra, by Paderewski. The playing of this young man (according to the program he was born in New Jersey in 1876), widely differs from that of other pianists. In spite of great technical development Schelling's playing does not give the impression of virtuosity. The impression conveyed is that the playing is of minor importance and the rendition of the work is the only aim. Moreover, Schelling gives a distinctly personal character to his performance without the character of the work which he is rendering being lost sight of. There is something very reserved, very distinguished in his rendition.

Schelling's interpretation may best be compared to the bearing and the conduct of a true gentleman. A person who may call this "savior vivre" his own, may do and say anything and everything without ever offending against the claims of the highest humanity on man; for, besides the high natural intellect, the true gentleman also possesses the great gift of heart, so that consequently he knows how to say even the hard things he may have to say in a gentle and dignified way. If this young American made an eminent impression as a performing

hard things he may have to say in a gentle and dignified way. If this young American made an eminent impression as a performing artist, as a composer as well he has roused great expectations by his work, "Symphonische Legende," executed at this concert. This composition bears the mark of same and earnest endeavor. No where in this work did we find passages reminding us of an imitation of our hyper-modern young artists. Very simple motifs are gradually led to development and brought to bear on each other, or they are managed in such a way as to form mutually opposing musical images. The current character of the work is not a nervous hurrying on, not a morbid "would be" expression of passion; no, on the contary, this young artist gives us the impression, as if, seated on on, not a morbid "would be" expression of passion; no, on the contrary, this young artist gives us the impression, as if, seated on his artist's throne, he feels a king indeed, far and away above the small doings of the so called great, but in reality small people; one would be almost tempted to look for prophetic utterances in his art. And these sounds are not a mere succession of tones, Schelling does not jump from one motif to another, so that the auditor, without paper in hand cannot follow the building up (or, rather, the not building up) of the piece. No, in this work there is a sane, natural, purely musical logic, as there is in the works of Max Reger. It is to be wondered at that the analyzer of the work did not observe what importance the second motif from the last part attains already in the first part. But in music more than anywhere else

already in timportance the second motif from the last part attains already in the first part. But in music more than anywhere else the Scripture word applies, "and having ears, heareth not." We attached great importance to and enjoyed infinitely making the acquaintance of this work. We liope soon to see it on the program again. The artist and his work had a decided success.—Het Niewen

Smetara's heroic opera, "Dalibor," recently was produced in Carlsruhe for the first time.

Tribute to "Madam Butterfly."

[After witnessing a performance of Puccini's fascinating opera, "Madam Butterfly," as produced in English by Henry W. Savage, the following poem was written by Alfred Hovey Ballard, a New York newspaper correspondent. Mr. Ballard says that he was never so deeply affected in a theater as he was by the beautifully pathetic presentation of "Madam Butterfly."]

She stands stark still, a-peering out the pane, Watching for one who will not come again; The whole night long her steadfast vigil keeps, Wide eyed and hoping, while her baby sleeps; Till morning dawns that pitiful, lone stare-So he may come and find her waiting there.

From heart we sigh Poor Butterfly. Dear, little, hungry, devastated wife. Oh, love! Oh, fate! Oh, maid! Oh, man! Oh, life! The ones who trust, the good, the brave, the true, The sweet, the fine, are sacrificed like you.

This quickening moment of the pulsing strings, This magic blend of multi-colorings, Who can speak the message that it brings? The pizzicato of the violins Mark well the tragedy of one man's sins: Theme irresistible this rhythmic beat Of drum and harp and 'cello as tones meet; We thrill and throb and shudder icily. It is the changeless voice of destiny.

Wistaria blossom and chrysanthemum Are strewn about for welcome; but the drum Beats on its theme of absolute despair-Tears and lamentations in the air. Ah, wonderful, sad curtain of the stage, Sounding soul depths for any clime or age, Music and drama have combined this time To reach one piercing instant that's sublime.

'Tis best to die. Sweet Butterfly; Thy lover's wandering years will soon be spent; Thou wilt not know, but often he'll repent: Humanity's inhumanity is strange-The man who killed thy soul today will change; When other lips have staled he then will see That truth alone's worth while, and turn to thee.

Too late, we cry. Loved Butterfly; We always learn a woman's golden worth After we crush the dearest thing on earth.

She stands stark still, a-peering out the pane, Watching for one who will not come again; The whole night long her steadfast vigil keeps, Wide eyed and hoping, while her baby sleeps; Till morning dawns that pitiful, lone stare— So he may come and find her waiting there

Becker Lecture-Musicales.

The feature of the lecture musicale given by Gustav L. Becker at his home, 1 West 104th street, on Saturday afternoon, was the presentation of a report of a psychological test of the value of music as a means of expression. This test, which was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Becker, consisted in the playing of eleven compositions - without announcing titles or describing them in any way-to a select audience of ten persons. who wrote in notebooks at the conclusion of each number what impression it conveyed to the mind of the hearer. The results obtained were successful to a degree truly surprising, as they coincided so often as to arouse the interest of prominent psychological authorities in the test. Mr. and Mrs. Becker, at the suggestion of several psychologists, are continuing the tests in different ways and preserving the records, the first of which was presented to Mr. Becker's pupils and their friends on Saturday. The following general program was given:
"Caprice Espagnol (Moszkowski), Ruth Wright; barcarolle in G (Rubinstein), "Si oiseau j'etais (Henselt), Elsa
Tannert; "Primavera," waltz song, Clementine Têtedoux, soprano; Abendlied (Perlét, dedicated to Mr. Becker), Mrs. Max Jacobs; largo, allegro and rondo from sonata op. 7 (Beethoven), Mary E. Edgerton; chaconne for two pianos (Raff), Misses Wright and Tannert; two songs, Miss Têtedoux.

The playing of Miss Edgerton proved the feature of the program; it was marked by dignity, repose and depth of feeling. Miss Têtedoux, the assisting artist, was excellent voice, and was warmly applauded for such dif-ferent numbers as the brilliant coloratura aria of Strauss and the noble Tschaikowsky song, "Ob peller

Tag. The results of the test, it was announced, will be embodied in a lecture by Mr. and Mrs. Becker today before the Men's Club of the Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church.

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Franklinstrasse so, Dresden, January 5, 1907.
Teresa Carreño shone as a bright star in the Philharmonic concert. She interpreted Tachaikowsky's B minor concerto with wonderful élan and technical bravura. Contrasting her present with her former playing, Carreño now displays a supreme command over her Southern temperament, yet her performances glow with fire and soul. Her soli, among them Chopin's G major nocturne, which was presented with admirable lucidity and breadth of conception, bore the stamp of personality. A new singer, Herr Brodersen, did not evince any superior qualifications. His lied selections were his best efforts. The "Hans Heiling" aria lacked dramatic fervor. Willy Olsen conducted.

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Max Lewinger devoted his second soirée to three new works. Hugo Kaun was brilliantly represented by his op-41 quartet, a composition replete with melodic charm, mood and sincerety of expression As to construction and form it is a masterpiece, concentrated, and altogether one of the most remarkable productions in the line of contemporary chamber music literature. Ottokar Novácek's op. 13, following next, did not, on account of its length, impress the hearers as deeply as Kaun's work. Nevertheless it is musically fine, of splendid tonal effects and temperamental. E. Chausson's piano quartet, op. 30, with W. Lützschg at the piano, had a virtuoso reading. It is in the French style, not deep and of more outward than inward sentiment. Lewinger was justly complemented for the interest he takes in promoting modern works. He played magnificently, displaying beauty of tone and technical inish. The union as an ensemble played very well. Lützschg is a fine ensemble player. A distinguished audience attended.

Sven Scholander, the unrivalled popular Swedish artist, delighted his hearers beyond description. Like a minstrel, travelling about with his lute, on which he (while singing) accompanies himself admirably, he represents a unique style of musical presentation, a combination of declaratory singing, acting and mimicry, by means of which he pictures variety of moods, tragical and comical situations, temporary "Augenblicksbilder" (momentary pictures) with wonderful truthfulness. Possessing rare endowments of characterization and a delicious sense of humor, his presentations are masterpieces of their kind. German and French folk songs are chansons in which he excelled, complete the interesting program. Whenever Sven Scholander comes again he will be greeted by a crowded hall and sincere recognition.

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Hans Buff-Giessen interpreted new lieder by Uhl, Sommer, Steph. Krehl, von Kaskel, R. Becker-Fuchs, v. Struve, Draeseke, Tschaikowsky, Kjerulf, Sinding, Max Schillings, Striegler, etc. Giessen is a great favorite and a drawing card in Dresden. His vortrag is refined and replete with sound musical feeling, swing and enthusiasm. His recitals were a pronounced success.

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Natalie Haenisch's last pupils' recital was commented upon in the most flattering terms by the well known critic. Herrmann Starcke, of the Nachrichten. He grows enthusiastic over her model vocal training, "Tonbildung," and artistic instruction. Among her American pupils Elsa Kaufmann, of Cleveland, did uncommonly well. She is a highly gifted singer. In the audience were many lay connoisseurs and representative musicians who shared the famorable opinion of Prof. Starcke.

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The prominent American composer, Alwin Kranich. scored a genuine success the other night in the Gewerbehaus concert. His charming tone picture "Marchen," for string orchestra, had a fine reading by Olsen's "Kapelle." Mr. Kranich's compositions, as to its content, is a beautiful poem, which has something of its own to say. Technically it displays excellent workmanship and refinement of style. Mr. Kranich as a composer stands favorably in the ranks of the talented musicians who have come over to us from the New World. His "Fantasia" in E flat, for piano and orchestra, will be brought out in London, Leipsic, Hanover and Dresden by the Canadian pianist, Harry M. Field. This talented pianist appeared here in a recital on November 7, winning (with his Liszt selections) highly appreciative criticisms in the leading papers.

Minnie Nast will soon leave for London to fill her engagements with the Covent Garden Opera. The charming singer looks back on one of her busiest seasons in Dresden. She also appeared as a "guest" in Berlin in the role of Margarthe at a festival performance in honor of the Kaiser's birthday. The Berlin papers are full of her praises. They say she outrivalled easily the best Margarethes in that city. In the spring Mra. Nast will appear again before the Kaiser at another festival performance in Mannheim. A few days ago she sang as a guest of honor in the Dresden Tonkünstler Verein, all of which goes to prove that the fine singer is "persona gratissima"

in the German musical world. She well deserves the honors showered on her.

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Jean Louis Nicodé explained his grandiose composition, "Gloria," "Ein Sturm und Sonnenlied," before a select audience at Roth's music salon. Details will follow.

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John B. Miller an Excellent Tener.

John B. Miller is having an exceptionally fine season. Not only is he filling a long list of engagements, but he is filling them with great success. He has just sung "The Messiah" with the Evanston Musical Club, of Evanston, and the Apollo Club, of Chicago. The following notices are from the Chicago and Evanston papers:

Mr. Miller placed a thoroughly commendable performance of the tenor solos to his credit. His voice was steady, clear and true, and his management of the florid portions of the various numbers tasteful and marked by surety and finish. He grasped the interpretative meaning of the different solos and translated them successfully to his hearers. His "Thy Rebuke" was finely delivered and he was un-



JOHN B. MILLER.

commonly successful with the trying "Thou Shalt Dash Them."—W. L. Hubbard, The Chicago Tribune.

John B. Miller, tenor, did excellent work. Without for clay has voice he was able to make the tones carry easily throughout the hall. The voice itself is of exceptionally attractive quality and his interpretations were marked by the best of musical taste.—Frederic H. Griswold, The Chicago Record-Herald

Mr. Miller likewise won the hearty commendation of the public. His voice is a pure high tenor, easily produced, under good control, and at all times remarkable for its tone quality. He sang authoritatively and with sincere musical feeling.—Glenn Dillard Gunn, The Chicago Inter Ocean.

John B. Miller, tenor, gave an unusually good interpretation to

the music which Handel wrote for the part. It was an interpretation in every way suited to the requirements of oratorio singing, and it was enhanced by the fine quality of Mr. Miller's voice.— Felix Borowski, The Evening Post,

John B. Miller sang the tenor part in a manner befitting the sterling artist that he is. He has an exceptional lyric voice and possesses interpretative powers of a high order.—Chicago Journal.

John B. Miller, tenor, did excellent work, revealing a voice of the true tenor quality, that was never forced and ever carried well. His kinging was marked by scholarly phrasing befitting this class of musical work.—Chicago Daily. News.

John B. Miller, the tenor, came at once into much favor by his aympathetic and intelligent singing. Mr. Miller is a Chicagoan and this may in some measure account for the warmth with which he was received, but outside of that his presentation of the tenor soli was a musical treat. He has a good clear voice which he handles with ease and his manner is unaffected. By his performance on this occasion he demonstrated that he is fully capable in oratorio.—Chicago Chronicle.

Mr. Miller's work shows growth both vocally and interpretatively since he last sang here several years ago. He takes a larger and more comprehensive view of things and has proved conclusively his ability to fulfil both the spirit and the letter of the law. His volce is of unmistakable tenor timbre. It is not a baritonal tenor, nor is it limited in its range. Mr. Miller's reading of the "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" was characterized by smoothness and execution, thuency and delivery, excellent sense of rhythm, and carefully prepared, well approached climaxes. He displayed warmth of tone and sincerity in the aria, "Behold and See," while his dramatic delivery of "Thou Shalt Dash Them," markedly emphasized his growth and maturity of style.—Evanaton Press.

The tenor role was filled by the well known Chicagoan, John B. Miller. Mr. Miller has a voice thoroughly adequate to the part, and sings with confidence and authority.—Evanston Index.

Kronold Recital at Vassar College.

Hans Kronold, the talented 'cellist, assisted by Marta Milinowski and Charles Gilbert Spross, gave the following program at a recital at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on Friday evening, January 11:

| Sonata, for 'Cello and Piano |
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| Kol NidreiBruch |
| Rhapsodie Hongroise |
| Arlequin Popper |
| Mr. Kronold. |
| Concerto, A minor |
| Mr. Kronold. |
| Piano Solos- |
| Etude de ConcertLinzt |
| Traumerei |
| Liebestod, from Tristan and Isolde |
| Magic Fire Scene from Walkure |
| - Follow Market and Company of the C |
| Mr. Spross. Boelmann |
| Mr. Kronold. |
| The SpinnerDunkler |
| Romanze Becker |
| At the Fountain |
| Mr. Kronold. |
| Mr. Aronold. |

Siegfried Wagner's "Bärenhäuter" was received with success at its first performance in Dortmund.

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MILAN, January 1, 1907.

Strauss' "Salome" alternates with Bizet's "Carmen," always to crowded houses. The second performance of "Salome" was listened to with as much religious attention as the first performance, and the success was about the same. People are stunned at what they see and hear. It is so different from what they have been accustomed to. Borgatti, as Herod, improves on acquaintance, while this cannot be said of Kruscienirka, as Salome. Her interpretation, upon a second hearing, was rather too conventional, not impassioned enough, not sensuous enough, and her voice in some of the more dramatic moments lacked strength and roundness. Too bad also that the dancing is done by a ballerina; it detracts from the real effect.

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Carmen, in the person of Maria Gay, is a triumph. Her original impersonation has taken hold of the public. Zenatello, as usual, is forcible and draws great effects from his high notes. Orfeo will be sung by Maria Gay also.

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The ballet, "Rosa d'Amore," had a success of color. The costumes and the scenery were marvelous.

At the Dal Verme, Giordano's "Fedora" still holds the boards, together with the ballet, "Coppelia."

At the Regio of Parma, "La Walkiria" had a good success.

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In the concert hall of the Conservatory a young Polish pianist, Vladimiro Schatelwitch, gave a successful recital, playing a fine program. His best interpretations were: "Romance sans paroles," op. 62, Mendelssohn (in which he "sang" the melody with a delicious softness) and Schumann's "Carneval," played with force and fire. Altogether he made a real success before a not very large but very appreciative audience.

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Maestro Leoncavallo, it is rumored, has retired to his villa at Brissago, where he is intent upon composing his new opera, "Camicia Rossa" (Red Shirt). The libretto is by Arturo Colantti, one of the best librettists in Italy. Hopes are expressed that the opera will be ready within this year.

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In the January number of La Lettura Mascagni will let us know how many difficulties have to be overcome to be able to write an opera. According to him it is anything but easy, the first difficulty being the choice of the libretto, the fatigue of putting the music to it, or putting it to music, the dealings with the critics, with the impresario, the artists, the editors, etc. Not very inviting, verily.

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At Siena the celebrated violinist, Franci, died of heart failure after having taken part in the performance of "I Lombardi." In his younger days he won laurels and money in France, England and America, but homesickness brought him back to his native city, where he ended his days, at fifty-three years of age.

At the Costanzi, in Rome, the rehearsals of "Faust" are going on with alacrity. Valentin will be the celebrated baritone, Battistini; Krismer, the Faust, and Adelie d'Albert, Marguerite.

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"La Gioconda," which is now being rehearsed, will soon be given at La Scala, as the third opera of the season.

Queen Helena of Italy is a painter of taste. When she was Princess of Naples it was no secret in artistic circles that she studied with Casciano, who now proclaims her a real artist. Painting is her favorite occupation. It was rumored that she would exhibit some of her works at Venice in the fall, but she absolutely denies this or has had it denied.

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The concerts of Santa Cecilia, in Rome, will soon begin, as also the orchestral concerts here. D. P.

Julian Walker Assisted the Guide Chorus.

Julian Walker, the basso was a star soloist at the last concert of the Guido Chorus, of Buffalo. The musical critics of that city discovered the beautiful qualities of Walker's singing and expressed their opinions in the following reviews:

Considerable Interest was aroused in the soloist of the evening, Julian Walker, the noted basso, whose magnificent voice and artistic singing captivated his hearers. With a wonderful range, intense musical temperament and a woice of such rare lyrical beauty, together with the remarkable clearness of tone and dramatic quality, Mr. Walker appears to sing for the very love of singing, and the enthusiasm he aroused was flattering from a Buffalo audience, who are so seldom carried away with undue appreciation. He sings with all the intelligence and musical comprehension of the true artist.

He displayed undeniable gifts as a dramatic singer, while nothing could be more exquisite and vibrant with tender feeling than his singing of the "Mother" song, which was given with such intensity as to bring a storm of applause. Mr. Walker, in response to repeated encores sung * * *.—Buffalo Courier.

The soloist was Julian Walker. His voice proved an easy range of two octaves and a vocal control almost as facile as that of a soprano. His voice is rich and full, and he sang with ease and feeling. He was encored after each appearance. * * * The audience did not seem to want to let the chorus or the soloist stop.—Buffalo Evening News.

Julian Walker's first appearance with the Guido Chorus greatly delighted the lovers of pure and sensuous tonal beauty. His voice is rich and full, every note used being placed rightly and produced with absolute correctness. He was at his best in the Handel number, with its florid scales and vocal gymnastics, also in his two encores and an Italian song. A successful career is open to him either in earlier Italian opera (where tonal beauty is Alpha and Omega), or in the singing of oratorios by Handel, whose style he has evidently mastered.—Buffalo Commercial.

Julian Walker of New York was the soloist. Mr. Walker possesses a voice of rare quality. It is a strong voice and has a resonance that is true and clear, but he amazed the chorus and audience by his wonderful control, and his mystifying ability to carry his tones along in one breath, where his sudience would expect him to take several. His Italian song, etc. * * * was sung with such sweetness of tone and with such pathos, that the audience was enthralled and marveled at his vocal gifts. Truly Mr. Walker is a great singer, and the people would want to hear him again, judging by the reception he received last night.—Buffalo Enquirer.

New Hampshire Music.

The Nashua (N. H.) Oratorio Society, which is in its seventh season, and the Manchester (N. H.) Choral Society, which is in its first season, gave two splendid performances recently under the direction of E. G. Hood, in Nashua and Manchester, respectively. The works performed were Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," and Sir Arthur Sullivan's "The Golden Legend." The Nashua Telegraph said of the Mendelssohn concert: "The choruses from the opening to the end were gems of which any music master might well be proud." Of the Sullivan production the Manchester Union wrote: "Much credit is due Mr. Hood as the leader of the Manchester Choral Society. He certainly must feel gratified to have done so much in such a short time and the people of Manchester have apparently appreciated his efforts, enjoying the music to the fullest extent."

Sadie Rosenzweig, Nemes' Pupil.

Some weeks ago THE MUSICAL COURIER printed a picture of young Sadie Rosenzweig, the violinist and protégé of Dezso Nemes, the Hungarian violinist and teacher. She has since been on tour, playing recently in Vancouver, British Columbia, in Bellingham, Wash., and elsewhere in the distant West. Two press notices from these cities:

Sadie Rosenzweig is a violinist of the first rank. She has a firm, crisp touch that is pleasant to listen to. She played several numbers in first class style last night and made a big hit.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

Sadie Rosenzweig, the violinist, proved that she was a thorough mistress of the rare instrument that she held so lovingly in her hands, and she kept the audience spellbound while she was on the stage and won several encores by her exquisite music. Her act is one of the most artistic brought to Bellingham in a long time, and is well worth hearing.—Bellingham Herald.

Lambert at Marum Quartet Concert.

Alexander Lambert, who of recent years has played but little in public, will assist the Marum Quartet at the Brahms program quartet concert tomorrow (Thursday) at Cooper Union, playing the piano score of the quintet, op. 34, in F minor. Mrs. Ludwig Marum, soprano, will also assist. The program follows:

Murphy to Give Unique Concert in Grand Rapids.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., January 12, 1907.

George Murphy, the singer and teacher of this city, will present a talented quartet of women singers at a special concert, to be given before Lent. The program is to include the Rhine Daughters scene from "Das Rheingold." Grace Dymond, one of the sopranos, will sing the part of Woglinda; Elizabeth Moor, another soprano, will be the Wellgunda, and Minnie Wheeler Reynoulds, one of the contraltos, will be the Flosshilda. Charlotte Summerville, another contralto, completes the quartet, and these four ladies will unite in two quartets, one of them from Liszt's "St. Elizabeth." Later in the season Mr. Murphy will devote one program entirely to sacred music.

The oratorio, "Franciscus," by Edgar Tinel, was produced by the Musical Society of Freiburg.

Students' Recital at Guilmant School.

The first students' recital of the new year was held at the Guilmant Organ School last Friday afternoon. Among the students who participated were Arthur W. Arneke, Scott Burhman, Roy Falconer, Harry O. Hirt, Roy Cregar, and the Misses De Nyse, Searby, Comfort, and Ullmann. These recitals are given at frequent intervals, and are a large incentive in the work of the school. Several of the students here recently received appointments as organists and choirmasters, and committees are in constant correspondence with the school, both for church and college positions. The midwinter examinations in theory will be held under the direction of Clement R. Gale, Mus. Bac., Oxon., February 7. This department is maintaining a high standard, and the results attained under Mr. Gale's tutorship are highly gratifying. Mr. Carl is always on the alert for new ideas and methods of work, and keeps an enthusiasm among the students seldom found.

Toronto Interested in Edward Bromberg.

The Toronto Sunday World of December 23 published a sketch of the widely known Russian-American (he is an American citizen), Edward Bromberg. This paragraph from the article will be read with interest by the admirers of Mr. Bromberg's vocal art:

A bass singer in New York who is creating quite a stir in musical circles is Edward Bromberg, a Russian. His specialty is as an interpreter of Russian music, in which sphere he is conceded to be without a peer in America today. Like most Russians, however, he is an excellent linguist, and when not engaged in teaching, is in demand all over the United States for oratorios, concerts and song recitals. All his work is on a high plane of musical intelligence.

• • • Wassili Safonoff, the great Russian conductor and now leading the New York Philharmonic Society, says in a letter to him: "I thank you very much for the great pleasure you have given me with your excellent singing. I must say that your method is perfect, and your singing really artistic. I wish you great success in your artistic and pedagogic career."—Toronto, Canada, Sunday World.

Ion Jackson, the Tener, Has Two Studios.

Ion Jackson, the tenor, who has sung in all the principal cities of this country, has many pupils at his two studios, one at Carnegie Hall, New York, and one at the Conservatory of Music, in Newark, N. J. Dr. Jackson's excellent voice production, and his fine intelligence as a singer in concert and oratorio, are the best endorsements of his work as a teacher. This artist's bookings include some of the notable spring concerts, and other announcements of his appearances will be made later.

Goudeket as Singer and Teacher.

Martin W. Goudeket, the baritone, residing at 69 West Ninety-third street, New York, has appeared at a number of musicales with success this season. Mr. Goudeket has a voice of considerable range and exceptional quality. As a teacher, he is regarded as a specialist in the matter of tone production. There are many ambitious pupils studying at the Goudeket studio. During the season, Mr. Goudeket will be heard at more musicales and concerts in New York and vicinity.

Dr. Lawson With Johnston.

Dr. Franklin D. Lawson is now under the management of R. E. Johnston, of the St. James Building. In him Manager Johnston has secured an artist of the highest character, whose clear and pure tenor voice is greatly admired. Dr. Lawson has been re-engaged to sing at Malden, Mass., where his success was so pronounced last month. At that time the Malden News said: "Dr. Lawson's singing last night was superb; his solos were the best ever heard in this city."

Schenck Lecture-Recitals in Buffalo.

Elliott Schenck will give a course of lecture-recitals in Buffalo in March. He will include "Salome" in the course. They are sure to attract the attention of music lovers and society, for he has a large following in the "Queen City of the Lakes" and a personal friendship with many of the first families.

Birdice Blye Recitals in Michigan and Iowa.

For the remaining weeks in January, Birdice Blye will play a series of piano recitals in Michigan and Iowa towns and cities. Her Eastern tour will open early in February, the Mendelssohn Hall recital in New York being set for February 18.

Arthur Nevin's Opera Produced in Pittsburg.

Kelley Cole, William Harper, Katharine Fisk and Mme. Shotwell-Piper were the singers engaged for the production of Arthur Nevin's Indian opera, in Pittsburg, on January 14. Details will be published in a later number of THE MUSICAL COURGE.



THE MANHATTAN OPERA.



Donizetti's "L'Elisir D'Amore," January 9.

Donizetti's exquisite comic opera was given on Wednes-day evening, with the familiar cast, including Bonci, Pinkert, Seveilhac, Trentini and Gilibert, and a crowded house vented its unbounded enthusiasm by applauding the principals to the echo, and recalling them again and again at every possible occasion. Bonci's marvelous facility of execution and wondrous quality of tone were again the subject of unqualified admiration, and the amazing artist was fêted like the popular hero of song that he is.

Verdi's "Rigoletto," January II.

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The best performance of "Rigoletto" ever given in New York took place at the Manhattan on Friday evening, before an audience numbering nearly 5,000 persons. Over 2,000 were turned away from the box office, and the crush in the outside lobby was so great that the balustrades of the stairs on each side were carried away by the pushing,

madly eager mob.

If the excitement was intense outside the auditorium, inside it reached almost delirious proportions. And small wonder, for when has New York ever heard at one performance such a "Rigoletto" trinity as Melba, Bonci and Renaud in the three great roles respectively of Gilda, the Duke and Rigoletto? It were idle to go into detailed discussion of the event, for the pen refuses to travel in traditional grooves when attempting to describe the singing art of Melba and Bonci, and the acting of Renaud in "Rigo-New adjectives should be invented to express the glories of Melba's cantilena, the superlative purity and ease of her coloratura, and the fragrant charm of her appearance and manner as Gilda. No finer fragment of song has ever been heard in the metropolis than Melba's delivery of the "Caro Nome" aria, with the world famous trill sung by her as no other living singer could have done it. The outbreaks of enthusiasm after all Melba's numbers were almost alarming in their volume, and the prima donna herself probably never realized before how immeasurably superior she is to every other operatic soprano in the estimation of the metropolis' musical public. There were a new found happiness and pride in her hearty but modest acknowledgments of the phenomenal ovation.

Bonci's Duke has become one of the operatic sensations of the season, and with the presence of Melba as an added inspiration, last Friday's performance of his familiar part seemed to be imbued with even more force and passion than Bonci has displayed in the past. His singing was not better than usual, because that is always perfect. The "Donna e mobile" aria gave such overwhelming pleasure to the audience that the performance could not go on until after the hurricane of applause had spent itself.

Renaud's Rigoletto has been praised almost beyond measure in these columns, and the eulogies were never confirmed more decisively than last Friday. He is one of the two really great tragic actors on the operatic stage. Together with Victor Maurel, Renaud towers above every

other acting singer in the world.

Giacomini gave an excellent account of herself as Maddalena, and Arimondi, Fossetta and Mugnoz were other members of the rarely well balanced cast. The vast audience did not forget Campanini and Hammerstein in its frenzy over the artists, and the conductor and manager were called before the curtain several times and cheered as lustily as any of the singing favorites.

Verdi's "Aida," January 12 (Matinee).

The great cast which has made "Aida" one of the profitable drawing cards at the Manhattan repeated its former triumphs in that opera, and again delighted an immense audience at the Saturday matinee. De Cisneros improves her Amneris with each new appearance in the partalthough it was above criticism at her debut-and makes it the dominating figure in the opera, both by reason of her Junoesque presence and her splendidly impassioned sing-Bassi was by no means put in the shade, however, and his ringing tenor voice and intelligent acting assisted him to win his usual meed of appreciation from the auditors. The "Celeste Aïda" occasioned a thunderously applausive demonstration. Russ, Ancona and Arimondi were excellent in the roles which they have filled so ably in all the "Aida" performances.

Bizet's "Carmen," January 12 (Evening).

Bressler-Gianoli continues to maintain her place as the best Carmen ever seen in this city, and her every appearance in the role attracts an audience which crowds Manhattan to the doors. Renaud was indisposed, but his dashing impersonation of the Toreador was fully compensated for in the better vocalism of Seveilhac, who sings the music of Escamillo, while Renaud acts it. Dalmores' singing as Don José is always a thing of joy, and as has been said before in this column, the young French tenor resembles no one more in style and voice than Jean de Reszké at his best. Donalda is a seductive picture to gaze upon as Micaela, and she sings with lovely method and enchanting quality.

Sunday Evening Concert, January 13.

A most interesting program was presented at the Manhattan under the joint leadership of Campanini and Tanara. Arimondi brought down the house with his spirited singing of a Verdi number, and had the time of his life to escape from the encore fiends. Ada Sassoli played several harp solos with mellow tone and excellent technic. Renaud, is soon to leave New York, was the especial pet of the audience, and his "farewell" concert appearance seemed to be the signal for several extra degrees of enthusiasm on the part of the audience. Donalda made her usual striking success, and Russ and Bassi also were recipients of resounding ovations. In his temperamental leading of the "Meistersinger" and "Lohengrin" preludes and "Tannhäuser" overture, as well as in his orehestral accompaniments to the vocal Wagner selections, Campanini proved the truth of what THE MUSICAL COURTER asserted some weeks ago, that he is a Wagner conductor of the utmost ability and effectiveness, second to none we have heard in New York. When the Manhattan decides to give Wagner opera, Campanini will make the oldest Wagnerians of this city sit up in pleased surprise.

Gounod's "Faust," January 14.

Owing to the indisposition of Pinkert, "Faust" was substituted at the last moment in place of the advertised "Barber of Seville." Donalda was a sweet voiced and lovely featured Marguerite, and Dalmores a manly and tuneful Faust. Other favorites in the cast were Arimondi and Ancona.

Alice Sovereign's Success in West Virginia.

Alice Sovereign, the contralto, sang recently in Parkersburg, W. Va., winning fine recognition from press and public, an inkling of which is found in the two notices to be found below. She has two dates with the New York Symphony Orchestra, and one in Louisville, Ky. occasion of her recent appearance with the New York Oratorio Society her participation as soloist was very suc-Her solos, "He Was Despised," and "O Thou That Tellest," were particularly well sung, and remarks of approbation came from her listeners. The West Virginia

Miss Sovereign, who is one of New York's splendid singers, a rich contralto voice. The songs, teeming with freshness and brightness, thrilled and delighted the packed house. * * * The first numbers by Miss Sovereign were a song from "In Memoriam," first numbers by Miss Sovereign were a song from "In Memorism," by Lehmann, and "The Lark Now Leaves His Wat'ry Nest," by Parker. Among her most excellent numbers were a group of German songs. " " The two French songs by Miss Sovereign were of rare beauty.—Parkersburg Despatch-News.

The club was especially fortunate in having Alice Sovereign of New York as their soloist, the noted contraits who has been making such a success there, and who was received here with the greatest enthusiasm. Miss Sovereign has a beautiful voice of smooth, rich tones, and of remarkable range and quality, which is under splendid control. Combined with her glorious voice is a charming and expressive personality, which makes her one of the most pleasing artists that has ever appeared here, her singing last night establishing her as a favorite. Her selections were beautiful and every one was received with great applause. * * * Following the concert Mrs. M. A. Kendall, the capable president of the club, entertained informally at her home on upper Avery street, for Miss Sovereign. It was a delightful affair and was enjoyed by the club members and a few other friends. Miss Sovereign was found to be as charming a woman as she is a singer, winning and gractious in her manner. a woman as she is a singer, winning and gracious in her manner. She sang several numbers which delighted her hearers.—Parkersburg

Hekking and Gabrilowitsch to Assist Volpe.

Anton Hekking, the great German 'cellist, will be the soloist at the first in the series of concerts by the Volpe ony Orchestra, at Carnegie Hall, on Sunday afternoon, February 10. Ossip Gabrilowitsch, the brilliant Russian pianist, will be the star at the second concert, on March 3. The third concert will take place on April 14. the soloist to be announced later.

RIDER-RELSEY A BRILLIANT ORATORIO SINGER.

Corinne Rider-Kelsey, whose beautiful voice is in fine condition this season, sang brilliantly at the Christmas performances of "The Messiah," given at Carnegie Hall by the New York Oratorio Society. Mme. Kelsey sang both at the Wednesday matinee and Thursday evening productions. The following paragraphs from the New York daily papers indicate that this gifted singer more than duplicated the success she made last year:

Mrs. Rider-Kelsey sang brilliantly when needed, with a voice of fine texture and ample power, and she displayed an understanding of the style of the music, and a personal realization of the moods of the text. Her "Come Unto Him" was exquisite in its sustained but never cloying sweetness .- New York Tribune.

Of the soloists, Corinne Rider-Kelsey and Daniel Beddoe uitted themselves with credit.—New York Morning Sun.

A special word of praise is due to Mrs. Rider-Kelsey, who was in beautiful voice and sang with an appreciation of Handel's style that signified a considerable improvement in her art.—New York Times.

Corinne Kelsey is this year's beir to all ages of soprance back to the adored Jenny Lind. Mrs. Kelsey is the best concert singer who has not yet gone into either German grand opera or Broadway "Lohengrin" burlesque. Her "Rejoice Greatly" was pure speech made and beautiful to hear, even more than the famous closing aria.—New York Evening Sun.

Corinne Rider-Kelsey's numbers were one and all admirable and were heartily applauded. Especially creditable for its amouth phrasing was the difficult "Rejoice Greatly" and the "Come Unto Him" and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," she sang with sentiment and "I Know That My Redeem and fervor.—New York Herald.

The soloist, Mrs. Rider-Kelsey, to whom fell the soprano part, was the only one in whom vocal beauty and understanding of the Handelian style were united. She sang with sympathy and feeling, so one to whom the music meant something more than a series of difficult feats of breathing and agility.—New York Evening Mail.

Mrs. Rider-Kelsey is an uncommonly capable singer of Handel's New York Globe and Commercial Advertiser

Mrs. Rider-Kelsey confirmed the favorable impression she had as year with a voice limpid and pure in quality. Her vo showed more authority than before, and she gave great satisfact in "Rejoice Greatly" and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." New York Press.

Mrs. Rider-Kelsey has a rare appreciation of the Handellan style, and in the solo, "Rejoice Greatly," she sang its difficult phrasing with as much truth and correctness of accent as she gave of senti-ment and devotional fervor to "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."-New York American.

Mrs. Kelsey's voice is vastly broadened and experienced sir last she was heard. Her singing of "Come Unto Him" was stained, fervent and musically gracious.—New York Telegram.

Mme. Kelsey also assisted in the performance of "The Messiah," given in Providence, R. I., a few days before the New York performances. The following extracts are from the Providence papers:

Mme. Rider-Kelsey sang with dramatic spirit and deep reling, and in "Rejoice Greatly" especially, her beautiful de charming rendition won enthusiastic admiration.—Prov News-Democrat.

The soprano, Mme. Kelsey, has a remarkably beautiful voice, beautiful not only in its perfect poise and golden quality, but in the indescribable charm that makes an exceptional human voice superior to the notes of any instrument. And she sings with the soul of an artist, with feeling, intelligence, and a rare understanding of the value of the word and the phrase.—Providence Journal.

Mme. Rider-Kelsey brought dramatic fire into her singing that is ways spirited and full of beauty, and proved herself, as fresently before, an oratorio singer of the highest rank, not alone by tr "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Sion," which won her tremenus applause, but equally in the other solos which were hers.—

Morrell Pupils Heard at Teacher's Musicale.

Laura E. Morrill, gave another musicale at her studio in Chelsea, Mass., Tuesday evening, of last week, and once more some fine voices were heard in a program that included masterpieces. Grace Crandall, Mrs. Dunwell, Jessie Pamp lin and Estelle Rose united in the singing of a quartet from the "Old English" selections in Mrs. Morrill's murical library. The remainder of the program follows: "Indian Bell Song," from "Lakmé," Cora Remington; aria from "Mitrane," Lillia Snelling; "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" (Saint-Saēns), Mrs. I. A. Hall; duet, "Passage Birds' Farewell" (Hildach), Mrs. Crandall and Mrs. Pamplin; "Ständchen" (Brahms); "Der Tod und das Mädchen" (Schubert); "Als die Alter Mutter" (Dvorák), Estelle Rose; trio, "Orpheus with His Lute" (Manney), Miss Remington, Mrs. Pamplin and Miss Snelling; "Pil-(Tschaikowsky), Miss Snelling; quartet, Evil Shall Befall Thee," from "Eli," Mrs. Crandall, Mrs. Dunnell, Mrs. Pamplin and Miss Rose

New Conductor at Mannheim.

Leopold Reichwein, conductor at the Opera of the combination cities of Essen-Dortmund, Germany, has just received the important appointment as conductor of the Opera at Mannheim, dating from September 1, 1907.

PHILADELPHIA.

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The thirteenth rehearsal and public concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra, which occurred on Friday afternoon and Saturday evening, January II and 12, gave the votaries at the shrine of Mozart-and they are many-the privilege of hearing the famous "Jupiter" symphony played by Fritz Scheel and the Philadelphia Orchestra, at their best. "The Barber of Bagdad," by Peter Cornelius, and a fantasy, "Eine Nacht auf dem kahlen Berge," by . Modeste Moussorgsky, both interesting numbers, were given a first hearing at these concerts. The Bach concerto, in E major, for violin, was played by Thaddeus Rich, concertmeister, with the utmost breadth and rhythmic precision. His beautiful sympathetic tone had full expression in the aria for G string, given as an encore.

Tschaikowsky will be largely represented at the fourteenth pair of concerts on January 18 and 19, with the "Symphony Pathetique" and suite No. 3. Rosenthal will play the Scharwenka concerto in B minor.

Director Scheel, always on the outlook for novelties, expects soon to present a work that will occasion considerable interest.

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If comparisons were not odious, what an opportunity were given in the performances, within six days of each other, of the three orchestras of the East. The oldest of the three, the Boston Symphony, gave its third concert of the season on Monday evening, January 7, with concertmeister Willy Hess as soloist. The program, given with the finesse which distinguishes the work of this orchestra, consisted of two Beethoven numbers, the "Egmont overture, and concerto, in D major, for violin, and the symphony, in E minor, by Sibelius, the Finnish composer.

In the midst of our appreciation of the large canvases, it is well to be reminded of the beauties of mosaic and miniature in the musical art. Such an opportunity is afforded the music loving citizens here by the Hahn Quartet, whose concert on Tuesday evening, January 8, was well attended in spite of inclement weather.

A delightful program was given, consisting of the Beethoven string quartet, in C minor; andante from a Tschaikowsky quartet, and Camille Zeckwer's quartet, for piano and strings, with the composer as pianist. A group of old French and Italian songs was given by Perley Dunn Aldrich, with much taste.

The third concert of the quartet will take place on Monday evening, January 21, with Florence Hinkle, soprano, as the assisting artist.

The Octave Club, of Philadelphia, assisted by May Walters, contralto, and Charlton Lewis Murphy, violinist, will

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ing, January 23, in aid of the MacDowell Fund.

The Octave Club, composed entirely of pianists, he been in existence fifteen years, and the original eight members were, with one exception, pupils of Maurits Leefson, who has done so much to improve the standard of piano playing in Philadelphia. The present membership is fif-teen, and includes a number of well known players. Jessie Fulweiler, Victoria Beaver and Uselma C. Smith, of the club personnel, will be heard as soloists at the Mac-Dowell benefit, all arrangements for which have been made by the capable president, Adele Sutor.

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Hugo Kreisler, 'cellist, assisted by Florence Hinkle, soprano, was heard in recital on Wednesday evening, January 9, at Griffith Hall.

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Ensemble, balance and dynamic contrast characterized throughout the work of the Fortnightly Club at its first private concert of the season on Wednesday evening, January 9, in the Academy of Music, before a large and apiative audience. Charlotte Maconda, soprano, and Thaddeus Rich, concertmeister of the Philadelphia Orchestra, added considerably to the success of the evening. Maurits Leefson, appearing in the triple role of conductor. composer and accompanist, proved the versatility of his musicianship.

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The talented young pianist, Germaine Schnitzer, will play here for the first time on Wednesday afternoon, January 16, in Witherspoon Hall. Her program consists of numbers by Schubert, Liszt, Chopin, Saint-Saëns and Schumann, including the latter's brilliant "Carneval." 九 九

Daniel Visanska, who appeared as violin soloist in the concert given by the Young Men's Hebrew Association in the New Century Drawing Rooms, on Monday evening, January 7, scored a distinct success in his well chosen selections, including "Romanza," Lalo; "Air," Goldmark; "Zephyr," Hubay, and the first movement of the Mendelssohn concerto.

The first recital of the new Philadelphia Quartet-Hedda van den Beemt, Emil Hahl, Paul Krummeich, A. Lennartz —all members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, will take place at the New Century Drawing Rooms on Thursday,

January 17. Susanna Dercum, contralto, will be the assisting artist.

Flotow's tuneful "Martha" is to be given on Tuesday evening, January 15, by the Metropolitan Opera Company with Mmes. Sembrich, Homer and Signor Caruso in the principal parts.

The Chaminade Club announces the second lecture of the "Ring" series by Rubin Goldmark for Wednesday, January 16, at 3 p. m., at the club rooms, 1520 Chestnut street. 唐 章

An agreeable recital was given on Wednesday, January 9, at the New Century Club, by Louise St. John Westervelt, soprano, assisted by Dorothy Johnstone, harpist. Edith Mahon at the piano

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On Friday evening, January 18, a song recital is to be given at Griffith Hall by Mabel Landis, soprano, assisted by Alice Greims, violinist, with Marion C. Ritchie as ac-~ companist.

Helen Pulaski and Myrtle Furnran will give "Enoch Arden" at Kutztown, Friday evening, January 18.

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PITTSBURG.

PITTEBURG, Pa., January 9. 1907. The annual performance of "The Messiah" by the Mozart Club attracted one of the largest audiences of the season at Carnegie Music Hall, on Friday evening of last week. This was the thirtieth performance of "The Messiah" which Mr. McCollum has conducted in the twentynine years of his connection with the Mozart Club. The soloists were: Grace Hall Riheldaffer, soprano; Marie Stone Langston, contralto; Evan Williams, tenor, and F. W. Cutter, bass.

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The program of the 327th reception of the Art Society was given by the Von Kunits String Quartet, of Pittsburg; Carl Bernthaler, pianist, and Ellen Bowick, reciter, on the evening of January 3. The first part of the program consisted of a Schubert quartet in D minor in four movements Although very well played the quartet proved rather tire-The Brahms quartet in B flat major, op. 61, which opened the second part of the program, was a much more pleasing number. Miss Bowick was scheduled to give the "The Lament of Bergliot," music by Grieg, arranged for piano, violin and violoncello, and poem by Biornson: but through some misunderstanding the string parts were not received and the melodrama had to be given with the piano alone. Fortunately, Miss Bowick had an excellent extra number, a melodrama, an arrangement of Tennyson's "Lady of Shalott," with a musical accompani-ment for violin, 'cello or piano, written especially for Miss Bowick by Amy Horrocks, of London. 東京

Interest is centered in the concert to be given this afternoon by the New York Symphony Orchestra in the Nixon Theater. The program will consist entirely of Wagnerian

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W. K. Steiner, of Pittsburg, gave the usual free organ recitals at Carnegie Music Hall, Saturday evening, December 29, and Sunday afternoon, December 31. ~

Arrangements are being made for a recital by the vocal pupils of Marta Sandal-Bramsen at the Von Kunits School of Music and Art. Assistance will be given by pupils of the violin and piano departments. Early in the spring Mme. Bramsen will return to Berlin to fill engagements.

Yesterday it was reported that Emil Paur, conductor of the Pittsburg Orchestra, was ill, and the regular Friday

evening and Saturday afternoon concerts of this week be postponed. But Mr. Paur felt so much better yesterday afternoon that he decided to give the regular concerts as scheduled. He will appear as soloist and will play Rubinstein's D minor concerto for piano and orches-Mr. Paur will both play the piano part and conduct the orchestra. The piano will be elevated so that he will be able to command a view of the orchestra. A novelty on the program for this evening is an oboe soloist. Mr. de Angelis, principal oboe player of the orchestra, will be heard in Handel's G minor concerto, with the orchestral accompaniment. Mozart's G major "Jupiter" symphony; entr'acte from "Gwendoline," by Chabrier; a gavotte by Rameau, and Wagner's "Rienzi" overture are the other numbers of the program.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Stephen Martin's third Saturday afternoon musicale of this season will take place tomorrow afternoon. Those who will take part are: Helen Blumenthal, soprano, who makes her first appearance; Katherine Genevieve Wheat, Albert McDonough, J. Gordon Jones and Thomas W. Simpson, A feature of the program will be the piano and 'cello playing of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haven Schauffler.

Pittsburg may well be proud of the contralto, Christine Miller, who has returned home from the West, where she had tremendous success. But then Miss Miller always has success, and each succeeding concert only adds to her

Following are some of the criticisms of Chicago papers of Miss Miller's appearance in "The Messiah" with Chicago Apollo Club and the Thomas Orchestra, in the Auditorium, December 25 and 27:

Miss Miller is one of the best contralton heard here in oratori Miss Miller is one of the best contraitos heard here in oratorio in many a long day. Her voice is a healthy, strong organ, and sanely, thoroughly schooled. It is a voice rich and sympathetic in timbre, round and full, yet not wanting in clearness and tonal definiteness. It is finely controlled and responds instantly to all demands made upon it. And temperamentally, Miss Miller has distinct quality. She evidently has brains and abe uses them, and it is certain that she feels what she is singing. The result was an interpretation of "The Messiah" solos on Wednesday, not a mere solemn declamation of tones. She gave even "He Was Despised" so that it became effective, and every contraito knows what a task solemn declamation of tones. She gave even 'Inc was negative so that it became effective, and every contralto knows what a task that is to accomplish. Her "O, Thou That Tellest" had joyouness in it, and she made "He Shall Feed His Flock" a proclamation of gladsomeness instead of the doleful dirge usually offered by tone loving contraltos.—W. L. Hubbard, in Chicago Tribune, December

Mias Miller displayed a beautiful contralto voice, which she uses with unfailing good taste and intelligence. Both of her arias were splendidly sung. All of the pathos of the story of the "Man of sorrows acquainted with the grief" was revealed in her singing of "He Was Despised."—Chicago Daily Journal, December 36.

Another pleasant stranger was Christ has a beautiful voice. Her singing of "He Was Rejected" was of the most beautiful and telling solos of the performance. cago Evening News.

Christine Miller and William Harper were heard in the contralto and bass parts, respectively, and these singers gave evidence of the best training and the finest taste. Miss Miller has a voice of good range and excellent quality and her method is above reproach. She possesses rich tones and some little dramatic intensity which is not out of place even in an oratorio.—Chicago Chronicle

The popular concert given by the Pittsburg Orchestra, Emil Paur, conductor, on Wednesday evening, in the Old City Hall, drew a large crowd. Two soloists, Leo Altman, second concertmeister of the orchestra, and Wenzel Jiskra, double bass player, added very much to the program.

Mr. Altman played Wieniawski's "Souvenir of Moscow" and did it full justice. Mr. Jiskra, the other soloist, delighted his audience. He played a concerto written by his teacher, Simandi.

The orchestral part of the program was fully up to the high standard set by Mr. Paur in his other concerts.

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Daniel Visanska Praised.

Daniel Visanska was the principal soloist at the concert given recently by the Young Men's Hebrew Association, of Philadelphia. In reviewing the concert the music critic of the Philadelphia Evening Item said:

Mr. Visanaka rendered the difficult and now rather rarely played first movement of the Mendelssohn concerto in a faultless manner and in the cadeuza be simply outdid himself. He possesses an artistic tone of great volume, purity and carrying capacity, so that even in planissimi and harmonics it penetrated everywhere. The even in pianissimi and harmonics it penetrated everywhere. The Lalo andante and air by Goldmark were equally well done but his scintillating technic had full sway in the ethercal "Zephyrs" of Hubay, a difficult morceau, redolent with technical obstacles. Incidentally, musicians are wondering whether the theory that no violentally, musicians are wondering whether the theory that no violentally, musicians are wondering whether the theory that no violentally, musicians are wondering whether the theory that no violentally, musicians are wondering whether the theory that no violentally with a second control of the cont and pern

The Würzburg Liedertafel, under the direction of Professor Meyer-Olberstleben, gave a successful performance of Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah." The chorus .was especially good.

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Artists contemplating American engagements can secure valuable practical advice by consulting Mr. Delma-Heide, Paris representative of The Musical Courier.

This week musical matters in Paris may be compared to the "lull before a storm"-saved up for explosion next and the following weeks.

At the Conservatoire concert yesterday afternoon the program consisted of a repetition of the music heard there a week before, namely: Mozart's symphony in G minor; "Ave Verum," a chorus unaccompanied, by C. Saint-Saëns; concerto for piano by Ed. Lalo, soloist, Louis Diémer; and "Psyché," a symphonic poem for orchestra and choruses, by César Franck. This program has already been dis-cussed in last week's letter and requires no further re-

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The Colonne concert gave us once more the "Damnation of Faust," for the 150th time. By degrees we shall come to know this work of Berlioz-at least we shall recognize the fact that the music is not the same as that in Gounod's "Faust"; and that is something! Marguerite was sung by Lucienne Bréval; the other characters remained unchanged. The orchestra and chorus numbered 250 ex-

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At the Lamoureux concert Beethoven had the honor of Alfred Cortot played a ballade for piano with orchestra,

by Gabriel Fauré; "Mazeppa," symphonic poem, by Liszt; another symphonic poem, "Les Djinns," written by César Franck for piano and orchestra, was performed by Alfred Cortot; this was followed by Wagner's "Maitres Chanteurs," of which the prelude (to third act) was given; also address to the students. the Dance of Apprentices and the March of the Corporations (or Guilds).

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The concerts of Rouge, of Touche and of the Associa-tion Populaires were, as usual, interesting.

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Performances for the week at the Grand Opéra are: Monday, "Ariane"; Wednesday, "Faust"; Friday, "Ariane"; Saturday, "La Valkyrie." At the Opéra-Ariane"; Saturday, "La Valkyrie." At the Opéra-Comique: Monday (second representation), and Thursday and Saturday, "Madam Butterfly" (pronounced by the French somewhat like "Bitter-flea"); Tuesday (matinee). "Lakmé," "La Fille du Regiment," (soirée) "Mignon"; Wednesday (matinee, "Werther," "Le Bonhomme Jadis." (soirée) "Carmen"; Thursday (matinee), "La Vie de Roheme," "Cavalleria Rusticana"; Friday, "Manon."

The musical novelty of the last week has been the production of Puccini's "Madam Butterfly" at the Opéra-Comique, Friday night, December 28, with Marguerite Carré, Edmond Clément, Jean Périer, Mlle. Lamare, M. Cazeneuve in the cast. The success of the performance had a personal note in it or the principal singer, Mme. Carré, and some of the other artists; much praise, too, was opening the program with his heroic symphony (No. 3); awarded the director, Albert Carré, for the superb stage setting of the piece; but for the work of the composer,

Puccini, there seemed to be not so much enthusiasm at the première. However, the opera is likely to gain increased favor with better acquaintance. Here, as in Italy, the text or story of this opera must first find its way into the hearts of the people before the music can follow.

R R M. Gailhard has fixed January 14 for the première of "Thamara," an opera by Bourgault-Ducoudray. "Thamara" will be accompanied by "l'Etoile," a ballet by Aderer and Wormser.

Felia Litvinne has been engaged to sing at the Opéra, from March I to April 15, next, in Gluck's "Armide,"
"La Valkyrie" and "Les Huguenots." During this period
"Salome" will be fully rehearsed and is to be presented under direction of Richard Strauss, in person.

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Last night's Students' Atelier Reunion was very enjoyable, with Charles W. Clark and Mary McEvily as the soloists. Miss McEvily, who has a voice of excellent quality, was heard to advantage in Gounod's "Nazareth," and the aria, "Mio Fernando," from "La Favorita." Mr. Clark aroused his hearers to great enthusiasm, and was obliged to add extra numbers to those on the program, which were Gounod's "Ring Out Wild Bells" and "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," and a second group containing "The Birthday of a King," by Neidlinger; "That Sweet Story of Old," West, and Granier's "Hosanna." The Rev. Dr. Shurtleff chose "1907" as his subject for an

Among the visitors observed at these student gatherings have been such well known persons as John Wanamaker, Helen Gould, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Mr. Wilcox, Rev. Charles Wagner (author of the "Simple Life"), and others whose names have escaped my memory for the moment. .

Among the givers of delightful, musical Christmas dinners are Mr. and Mrs. King Clark, Regina de Sales (re-

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cently come here from Munich), Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clark, and others.

Blanche Marchesi and her husband, M. Cacamosi, have come to Paris to spend the Christmas holidays. M. Johannes Wolff has remained over for the same purpose. 急 食

At a musicale given by Mrs. Charles B. Miller, at her home, in the Avenue Henri-Martin, J. H. Duval, the young baritone, sang his best and reaped much applause. His selections were the prologue from "I Pagliacci," "Plaisir d'Amour (Martini), and "Pur Dicesti" (Lotti); and in response to continued applause, Mr. Duval favored his hearers with Nevin's "Rosary"; his last number on the program being the Toreador song from "Carmen." Touche contributed some very artistically played soli on

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Owing to the absence from Paris of Mrs. McCormick. who will not return before the first week in January, there will be no reception at the American Embassy on New Year's Day (tomorrow).

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As already reported in these columns, the French Chamber of Deputies recently adopted a proposition to tax pianos. The matter is now before the Senate, and an evening paper reports that the Finance Commission of that body has rejected the tax. 1

From Berlin comes the news of the death of Frau Betthmann, a centenarian, who was a friend of Goethe.

A "Student Hostel" has just been opened in the Latin quarter for American and English girls studying music, art and languages in Paris. This new home is at 03 Boulevarde Saint-Michel and is barely completed, yet all the rooms, I hear, have already been claimed. Affiliated with the Students' Hostel is the World's Young Women's Christian Association, and Mrs. John J. Hoff is actively associated with the project (which she is happy to call her "Little Nest") with L. H. Richardson as the honorary secretary. None of the bright or deserving young men of the quarter need apply, however, for the institution will provide accommodation for girls only. It is not to be a free home, but the fees will be moderate, thereby helping girls whose means are limited. The building is a recongirls whose means are limited. struction of one on the site before but is practically new throughout, with steam heat, electric light and other modern improvements. Among the advantages and attractions enumerated are French classes, resident professor, and conversation, lecture hall, "conférences" on art and music, garden tea house, atelier in garden, library, reading rooms. services of trained nurse, restaurant, rest rooms, baths, etc

The American Art Association is planning to have a new home. The American Art Association finds its scope extending to such a degree that the question of seeking new quarters must now be considered. An endowment fund has been created with a nucleus of 1,000 francs set aside from the general funds of the association.

Here is something interesting to THE MUSICAL COURIER Advertisers:

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Outside the Comé Française is a recent statue to the memory of Alfred de Musset; it is still new and will retain its pristine beauty for a long time to come. It has, never-

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VIOLINIST ADDRESS: WOLFSOHN BUREAU 181 E. 17th St. or 548 Fifth Ave. theless, been criticized. A leading journal has been cruel nough to remark that the angelic figure of the Muse who, clad in clinging drapery, leans smilingly over the figure of the somewhat melancholy looking poet, happens to be pointing with one graceful hand exactly in the direction of a pharmacy near by, as though she were entreating him to wend his way thither, and banish, by some refreshing tonic, his appalling fit of the blue:

Here is another:

"The constant dripping water Wears away the hardest stone: And the constant gnaw of Towser Masticates the toughest bone. The constant wooing lover Carries off the blushing maid. And the constant advertiser Is the one who gets the trade."

Les Jeuvenceaux of Paris.

There is among other amateur musical organizations of Paris one known as Les Jouvenceaux (The Young People), and its monthly concerts at Salle Washington, a very attractive concert hall, are largely attended by the relatives and friends of the young people who constitute the orchestra and who participate in the musical and dramatic performances. One of the points, however, to be observed, which elevates the concerts somewhat beyond the usual amateur level is the fact that the organization and its music are under the direction of Geloso, the distinguished violinist, teacher and musician; a gifted, conscientious and artistic master, who inspires those who study with him and who play under his direction.

The latest concert given, December 30, had the following varied program:

| Prelude | M. M. Pelletier. Mendelssohn |
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| Serenade | Drdla |
| Bolero | Mile. Amouroux. |
| Poesies | Mile. Filon. |
| | Cottin |
| | oward-Brown, Lumay, Lionton et Ricardon. |

. Mile. Sante Romance Saint-Saëns
Habanera C Geloso
Elaie Sherman, accompagnée par l'Orchastre.
Air de Micaèla, Carmen Bizet
Valse, Miretile Gounod
Mille, Abreu.

Le Pardon, Paraphrase Evangelique, Poéme et Musique. W. Chaumei

Of particular interest to Americans was the appearance, for the first time with orchestra, of Elsie Sherman, of San Francisco, a pupil, advanced for public work, of M. Geloso. Miss Sherman, who has been often referred to DELMA-HEIDE. oin these columns, is one of the American violin students in Europe, who is in solemn earnest in the pursuit of her aim to attain the highest possible eminence as a violin performer of the recognized classics and modern works of the repertory of the instrument. The playing of Miss Sherman illustrates seriousness and musicianly talents that indicate the success of lofty aspirations. It being a strictly amateur performance, to which reference is naturally limited in order not to offend those who appeared in other solo parts, this report cannot go into detail, but those who were present manifested with applause and recalls their admiration of Miss Sherman's performance.

Myrtle Elvyn Before Royalty.

(By Cable.)

BERLIN, January 12, 1907.

To The Musical Courier:

Myrtle Elvyn's piano performances found enthusiastic favor from the entire German court at the Reichstag concert. She was presented to and complimented by all the roval auditors. ABELL.

A Hungarian musical society has been formed at Vienna for the cultivation of Hungarian symphonic music and the popularization of Hungarian artistic music. The director is Capellmeister Mathias Czangi.

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MUSIC IN MILWAUKEE.

MILWAURER, Wis., January 9, 1907.
The annual presentation of "The Messiah," by the Arion Club, on December 27, was a most pronounced success, the very best performance, old timers say, of the great oratorio the club has ever given. The chorus showed remarkable enthusiasm and spirit throughout, and the firmness and precision of attack were thoroughly gratifying. The chorus numbered 225 voices; Bach's full orchestra, and W. H. Williamson, at the organ, accompanying. The audience was a capacity house and entered fully into the spirit occasion. Coming in for a very great share of the for the excellent performance of the oratorio, as a whole, were the soloists, who were without exception accorded most hearty applause after each individual number. The soloists were: Marie Stoddart, soprano; Mabelle Crawford-Welpton, alto; Reed Miller, tenor, and Tom Daniel, bass. The orchestra acquitted itself well.

The Arion Club makes the announcement extraordinary of the engagement of Josef Lhévinne, the Russian pianist, for a recital at the Pabst Theater, on February 22. From the glowing accounts of this artist's concerts in the East, this will prove one of the great musical events of the season, and should call forth, too, an audience extraor-dinary. For the third concert this season, on April 16, the Arion Club will present Elgar's "King Olaf," with the following soloists: Corinne Rider-Kelsey, soprano; Daniel Beddoe, tenor, and Herbert Witherspoon, bass. **(4)**

That music is coming to take an encouragingly important place in the attention of educators was clearly evidenced in the programs of the Wisconsin Teachers' Association, which met in annual convention in Milwaukee last week. On Thursday the music was furnished by the South Side High School Quartet, of Milwaukee, whose director is Luise Haessler. In the evening of that day the address of Cyrus Northrup, president of the University of Minnesota, was preceded by an organ recital by Winnie Hewitt, of Milwaukee. On Friday, Frances E. Clark, with the aid of twelve kindergarten teachers, gave an enjoyable and interesting demonstration of some new kindergarten songs by Jessie Gaynor. The West Side High School Quartet, under the directorship of Lillian Shorthill, sang at the morning's session of Saturday, while the orchestra of twenty pieces, from the same school, also under Miss Shorthill's able directorship, gave an excellent demonstration of what can be accomplished in that line in a High

School. At this meeting of the Musical Section Miss Shorthill read an essay on "The High School Orchestra; Its Possibilities and Opportunities."

An address on "The Correlation of Music and Drawing," by Mrs. Georgia C. Hyde, superior of music and drawing, of Janesville, Wis., pointed out the close relationship between the faculties involved in these two branches of art, how a child markedly deficient in one would generally show a corresponding deficiency in the other, and, conversely, how one markedly efficient in one, would, at any rate, not be abnormally deficient in the other. general discussion on "Music in the County Institute" was led by Frances E. Clarke, supervisor of music, Milwaukee Public Schools. The general demand was for a more clearly defined and better systematized course of instruction. On motion of Mrs. Clarke the chair appointed the following committee to prepare a list of songs to be taught in the institutes for later use by the teachers the schools: Edith Harney, Lillian Watts, Prof. T. Winkler, of Shebyogan; Herman Owen, of Madison, and Frances E. Clarke.

The chairman of the meeting was Herman E. Owen, head of the department of Public School Music of the University of Wisconsin School of Music; secretary, Julia Krause, director of music, Sparta; treasurer, Martha A. Rollins,

director of music, Oshkosh.

The Music Round Table, on Friday afternoon, concerned itself with High School music. The general trend of the discussion was a plea for giving music a place of dignity and credit among the established courses of the school

~ ~ Della Thal will spend the winter with her mother, in Northern Italy. @ @

Ellery's Italian Band has just opened up a three weeks' engagement at the Hippodrome, Milwaukee's new music E. A. STAVRUM.

At the second Dortmund Philharmonic concert, Max Reger's "Serenade" and R. Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegel" were excellently produced under Hüttner's direction. The pianist, Hedwig Einstein, created little interest, but a very delightful part of the concert was the "Bergerettes" and "Pastourelles" of the eighteenth century, by Marie Buis-

Watkin Mills in "The Messiah."

The following criticisms refer to the singing of Watkin Mills at performances of "The Messiah," in Halifax and Nottingham:

Nottingham:

Watkin Mills, our greatest living exponent of Handel's solos, is a host in himself, and his easy power and great vocal resources made one enjoy the runs sung as Handel wrote them and not split into parts with interpolated words to ease our modern short winded vocalists. His veiled voice in "The People That Walked in Darkness" vividly realizes the scene depicted, and is a familiar 'triumph of his "Messiah" role, while his masterly rendering of "Why Do the Nations," with its crisp, emphatic enunciation roused the audience to enthusiasm and seemed to set all the performers more easily into their stride, from this number onward being by far the best rendered part of the whole work.—The Halifax Courier.

Watkin Mills in the bass part eclipsed all the Handel specialists that we have heard; he sings with such mastery that the cleverness of his work is entirely concealed; his voice is so satisfactory in timbre, too, and his insight into the music so deep, that a purely bravura aria like "Why Do the Nations?" provokes an ovation, which does not always overtake a perfectly legitimate artistic triumph.—The Halifax Guardian, December 28, 1906.

That splendid Handelian bass, Watkin Mills, who has sung at many "Messiah" concerts in Nottingham, was in splendid voice, and the pleasure—which has something of a personal touch in it—felt by the audience at seeing him again in what is peculiarly his element was freely manifested. He sang with all his old fire in "Why Do the Nations?" despite the fact that the orchestra was almost overpowering at that point, and he was equally fine in "But Who May Abide?" and "The People That Walked in Darkness."—The Nottingham Guardian, December 27, 1906.

Pupils Assist the Unschuld Club.

Friday of last week an interesting program of piano nusic was played by the members of the Maria von Unschuld Club in the parlors of the University of Music and Dramatic Art. Lectures on "Norma" and on "Romeo and Juliet" were given by Miss Knapp and Miss Robinson.

Roberta Amies' brilliant rendition of a concerto, accompanied by Miss von Unschuld, was a revelation to the public. A sonata of Beethoven, played by Miss Urness, was plastic in phrasing; "The Presto," by Haydn, was gracefully played by Miss Tweedy, and the ensemble playing of Katherine McNeal and Mildred Kolb was admirable. A pleasing variation of the program was a flute solo by

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CLEMENS' ORGAN RECITAL IN BOSTON.

The recent organ recital of Charles E. Clemens, of Cleveland, at Symphony Hall, Boston, was treated as a great event by the musical reviewers of the Boston press. The following criticisms are cut from the newspaper editions of January 3:

An organ recital is a musical entertainment in its own kind and for its own public. To it go organists themselves and students of the organ, those who take a peculiar and personal joy of the instrument above all others, those who love it less discriminatingly for its sonorous aweep of tone, and those that regard an organ recital as something more exalted than mere fingering upon strings, because or the primary at the primary. It is a small public. blowing upon horns, or touching at the piano. It is a small public, as the public of concerts goes, but it makes amende by the eagerness or discernment of its interest. Such an audience received Charles E. Clemens of Cleveland, last night, when he gave an organ Charles E. Clemens of Cleveland, last night, when he gave an organ recital at Symphony Hall. Technically, Mr. Clemens proved his knowledge, mastery and feeling for his instrument. He honors it too much, for example, and he takes his art too seriously, to make them the medium of cheap and showy transcriptions. He drew his program from three schools of organ music—the German, the English and the French—and he ranged from Bach to Guilmant. In all the music that he played Mr. Clemens was the intelligent musician as well as the expert organist. His phrasing was sensitive and shapely; his sense of rhythm was keen and unforced, and he was skillful in the variation of the weight of his tone and in the shad-ing of it. Thus he gave pleasure to each of his expected groups of

Mr. Clemens' mastery of the instrument is shown by the smooth combinations in the different voices, his complicated activity of hands and feet leaving no perceptible breaks in the various movements. He is well acquainted with all the mechanical resources of the organ, for although the one he played last evening is not familiar to him, he handled the stops deftly, and did not let the instrument "get away" from him during the performance. The Guilmant sonata was given with splendid effect, the variety of tone coloring, the beauty of the legato passages, the pedal work and the orchestral suggestions were each brought out clearly in the five movements, making this representative of the French school one of the most artistic interpretations of the evening. * * * The other selections were varied as to character and covered a broad field of music. The three schools—German, French and English—from which the program was chosen, giving the organist plenty of scope for his abilities.—Boston Globe.

Mr. Clemens is not a stranger in Boston. He gave a recital here three years ago, and then proved himself to be a serious, well grounded musician as well as a virtuoso. Organ recitals in Symphony Hall are not common, and organists that content themselves with the legitimate use of the organ and shun transcriptions are also uncommon. • • • Mr. Clemens gave much pleasure by his skillful and legitimate treatment of an instrument that is often sadly abused. The audience was very appreciative.—Boston Herald.

Charles E. Clemens, organist of St. Paul's Church, Cleveland, Ohio, gave in Symphony Hall last night a recital, the program of which contained successive groups from the German, French and English schools. Organ recitals are too rare in this city, and Mr. Clemens is to be praised for giving one of serious and interesting

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character. He commands respect for his solid attainments as a musician. He handled the instrument with confidence and skill; had respect for its limitations and showed himself to be a master of registration, producing a tone of orchestral variety and color.—

Rooten Post.

Science of Voice Placing.

To The Musical Courier:

Science guards her secrets jealously. Whenever a man wrests a new idea or an original discovery from her, the world applauds and rejoices, and the man who has captured the treasure is hailed as genius, wizard, benefactor.

Chicago is not slow in appreciating an advance in science, and is proud to own that she has a scientist who is being styled "wizard" by students in all parts of the civilized world. This scientist is Carl Young, whose studio is in the Auditorium Building. He is to the realm of the science of tone what Mr. Edison is to the realm of electricity. He has discovered how to dynamo human electricity and direct its current through the human voice. He has solved the problem of breadth, bones, registers and muscles and has discovered a principle of voice production that is as marvelous and true as the great life principle itself. He has given the correct analysis of the human voice for the first time in the history of the art of tone production. Unlike all other analyses which depend entirely upon the physical, like trying to place bricks in a wall before laying a foundation, his analysis points out and controls the subtlety of the human voice, compelling perfect physical activity through the infinite subtlety of the controller motor-mind.

And more! He is the first man who has been able to go into thousands of homes at the same moment and give an individual vocal lesson! How does he do this? By mailing his printed lessons and shipping his voice. other words, by the use of phonograph cylinders and the printed page, he has annihilated distance and the disadvantage of numbers. Since the beginning of time man has been trying to annihilate distance! First by steam engine and steamboat; next by telegraph, cable and tele-phone; and now by phonograph. The other day a man, in the State of Washington, wrote to Mr. Young about a problem in voice. Mr. Young replied: "Ship me a record of your voice and I'll send you a demonstration and analysis by phonograph."

Musical education heretofore has cost much, because the memory of tone quality is so elusive. The pupil has had to rely on the memory of what his teacher said was good when he happened to strike it-(just happened! no basic principle being pointed out). Many times this memory has fled before the student has left the studio.

Mr. Young's plan gives a principle of development, by printed lessons, and demonstrates their difficult points by phonograph. A pupil, thus, can hear the master's voice as many times a day as he wishes, and is not compelled to wait until the meager half hour lesson that he takes, perhaps once or twice a week. It is no wonder that Mr. Young is hailed as "wizard" by hundreds of enthusiastic students who have already enrolled with him from many parts of the civilized world. It is no wonder that noted voice teachers and singers travel hundreds of miles to take a few personal lessons from him, and go away, delighted with specimens of his magnificent voice carefully stored away for the purpose of entertaining their friends and instructing their pupils.

As a man, Mr. Young has the surest sign of greatness -he is utterly unaffected and sincere. Such statements as, "Your discovery will revolutionize the teaching of singing," "I have gotten more from your printed than from all the personal instruction I have received both here and abroad," and hundreds of others of like char-,acter, do not seem to turn his head in the least. He only looks gratified and says, "I shall consider my life well spent if I can do something to aid the millions who long GAIL COWLEY.

Boston Men Play a New Quartet by Haun.

A new quartet by Hugo Kaun was the novelty played by the Boston Symphony Quartet, at Mendelssohn Hall, Friday afternoon of last week. The work is in D major, and is the No. 2 in op. 41 of the published compositions by the prolific Kaun. The opening theme, played by the 'cello, is one of striking beauty, and in all things the quartet is remarkable for originality and strength. Mr. Hess and his accomplished colleagues played it beautifully. The other ensemble work heard at the concert was the great Beethoven quartet in F minor, No. 11, in op. 95. As a model of chamber music nothing more inspired than this quartet could be imagined. The Boston artists gave a noble reading and thereby put their listeners in a grateful mood. Between the quartets Mme. von Niessen-Stone, a singer of delightful and finished art, sang the following Schubert and Wolf songs:

Liebealauschen Schubert
Schwanengesang Schubert
Liebbaber in allen Gestalten Schubert
Wir rief dich denn? Wolf
Wir haben beide lange Ziet geschwiegen. Wolf .. Wolf

Mme. von Niessen-Stone sang all of these unfamiliar songs with vocal beauty of tone and poetic insight. She especially happy in the first and second songs by Schubert and in the two last songs by Wolf. The singer's accompaniments were tastefully played by Anna Lockwood.

The first concert of the Kiel Philharmonic Society brought orchestral works by Schumann (B major symphony) and Weber (overture to "Euryanthe"); piano soli by Saint-Saëns (G minor concerto), Chopin (nocturne in F sharp minor), Paganini-Liszt (capriccio, in E major), and Schumann (toccata, in C major, op. 7).

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A Boston Girl's London Success.

Boston is justly proud of Constance Tippett, the talented daughter as well as pupil of Clara Tippett, the able artist and teacher, who for nearly a score of years held the position of soprano in the Old South Church, which is perhaps the wealthiest church in all New England. The London press has been lavish in its praise of Miss Tippett's work as a musician, she having written many exceptionally clever productions, collaborating with one of the best known minds in England in the presentation of a certain little masterpiece of hers. Her success in England is surely as much a tribute to her mother's excelent teaching as it is to the latter's judgment in placing this young musician properly so as to make the most of her ability and powers.

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Anna Miller Wood's "Morning."

A number of friends were invited to Anna Miller Wood's artistic "quarters," in Pierce Building, on last Wednesday morning, to hear Edith Ballard sing. Miss Wood was at the piano, lending the aid of her sympathy and knowledge of her pupil, which made a memorable effect, as the accompaniments were particularly fine. Miss Ballard has youth, talent and application. There was no "show" of any kind, but a program was given which certainly reflected an immense amount of credit somewhere; in fact, upon both Anna Miller Wood and Miss Ballard, who has had no other teacher than Miss Wood. Her singing showed work, careful study, an unusual appreciation of text, and a vocalization that proved, beyond doubt, Miss Wood's excellent training.

Miss Ballard is in that much-to-be desired condition of mind, yet too seldom found in pupils, for she exclaimed to The Musical Courier's representative: "I am just beginning to realize how much I yet have to learn." There were songs from Aylward, Clough-Leighter, a group from Franz, Gounod's "O Divine Redeemer," and others. Grace Hammond gave assistance with well played piano num-

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Miss Terry's Four Chamber Concerts.

The eighth series of Miss Terry's annual feast of musical things takes place this year at Hotel Somerset, on Monday afternoons, at 3 o'clock. The entire course, consisting of four concerts, is \$5, and when the list of attractions is considered, the sum seems almost inadequate to meet actual expenses. But the list of subscribers is already quite large, and is constantly being added to. The dates and artists are as follows: Monday, January 28, Clara Clemens, contralto (daughter of Mark Twain); Francis Rogers, baritone; Arthur S. Hyde, accompanist; Monday, February 4, Carl Baerman in a piano recital; Monday, February 11, the Longy Club, assisted by Lilla Ormond, contralto; with Mrs. S. B. Field, accompanist; and Monday, February 18, Susan S. Metcalfe, mezzo soprano; Heinrich Gebhard, piano; Alfred De Voto, accompanist.

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Germaine Schnitzer at Jordan Hall.

Germaine Schnitzer played at Jordan Hall, on Saturday afternoon, to a good sized audience, many of whom were young musicians who desired to find out the secret of this girl's wonderful playing. Gabrilowitsch was in the audience, which was doubtless one of the most attentive ever charm and delight, especially in her opening Bach number, as she seems in a magical way to be spiritually, as it were, affiliated with this master. The girl has tremendous personal magnetism, brain and imagination, and as

to technic she shows that she has grasped the thing in its entirely, now making it a means to an end. Her audience was very applausive, and showed delight with her brilliant playing of Chabrier's scherzo-valse, and the closing rhapsody. Her striking individuality is her chief charm. She imitates never, but is absolutely creative. Her program follows:

| Prelude and Fugu | ie in l | i mi | nor | | Bach |
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| Sonata Appassions | ata | | | | Beethoven |
| Variations Serieu | BCS | | | | . Mendelssohn |
| Impromptu, Valse, | Noct | urne | and | Scherzo | Chopin |
| In der Nacht | | | | | Schumann |
| Scherzo-Valse | | | | | Chabrie: |
| Rhapsodie, No. 9 | | | **** | | Liszt |
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Rosa Linde Heard in Boston.

Rosa Linde, contralto, of New York, gave a program of songs at Steinert Hall on Saturday afternoon, and although a day of unprecedented New England "weather,' and the brilliant Germaine Schnitzer was playing at Jordan Hall, both recitals being booked for the same hour, Madam Linde impressed all of her listeners with her purity of vocalization, based on the Garcia method, and sang with beautiful effect her various songs, in which she was especially simple, unaffected and natural. Joseph Maerz, pianist, assisted, playing numbers by Wagner-Brassin and Chopin, with unusual beauty of tone and musical taste.

€ € Harvard's Musical Union Fund.

An open letter has been issued to the freinds of music in Harvard University, in order to interest subscribers in a fund for the building proposed by the late John Knowles Paine, who devoted his life to the upbuilding of the department and to founding a high standard of musical teaching and composition both in the university and in America. The present plan is to carry out the desire of Professor Paine, and construct a building to be used by the department of music and also by the different musical societies of the university. The main features of the plan are: A hall (capable of seating 500) for chamber concerts, lectures, concerts by the Pierian Sodality, which is the amateur orchestra of Harvard; Glee Club, and other college societies, organ recitals and organ practice; a smaller hall (250 capacity) for rehearsals and lectures; seven smaller rooms for class work, and for the use of the Pierian, Glee Club, Banjo and Mandolin Club, and Musical Club.

The official Register of Harvard states that "The aim of the division of music is twofold: (1) To provide a thorough training for students who intend to follow the musi-cal profession as teachers and composers. (2) To offer a course of technical study to those who wish to devote them selves chiefly to musical criticism and literature, and for the cultivation of musical taste." The growth of the department has been excellent. Harvard was the first university in America to recognize music as being a necessary part of its curriculum, and as a study counting for credit at the entrance examinations, seventeen students taking such an examination. In the circular issued a concise plan is given by the architects with whom Professor Paine collaborated prior to his death, showing a most admirable arrangement for the different halls and rooms. At a meeting held in Harvard Hall last commencement day the Musical Union of the university was formed for the purpose of providing such building. Among the officers chosen with Arthur Foote, president, were as vice presidents the following: Henry L. Higginson, Samuel Carr, Francis Peabody, Warren A. Locke, Wm. F. Apthorp, B. J. Lang, G. W. Chadwick, Dr. Carl Muck, Frederic Converse, Wallace Goodrich, Eben D. Jordan, Walter R. Spaulding, Edward Burlingame Hill, J. Arthur Beebe, all of Boston; William D. Howells, D. H. Morris, Richard Aldrich, My-

ron W. Whitney, Jr., Paul Dana, Morris Loeb, Joseph H. Choate, Jr., Henry T. Finck, Daniel Gregory Mason, Franz Kneisel, Walter Damrosch and others, of New York; William C. Learned, of Chicago; George D. Markham, of St. Louis; Owen Wister, Morris Earle, Phillip H. Gaepp and others, of Philadelphia; Hon. Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati, and several of Washington, D. C., and San Francisco. The treasurer is Horatio A. Lamb, 27 Kilby street, Boston; secretary, Jno. W. Saxe, 16 State street, Boston.

← ← The Hubbard Studios.

Many old students of Arthur Hubbard and his faculty, including Mrs. Hubbard and Frederick J. Lamb, write from different portions of the country of various vocal successes achieved by them. Caroline Hooker, a pupil, sang in Manchester, Mass., recently, giving selections from oratorio at vesper services. Her singing received all kinds of favorable comment. Miss Van Horn, now teaching privately in the West, has just been assigned to a fine church position in her city. Alice Fawcett, contralto, another Hubbard pupil, has been giving very successful concerts in the South, and Ina Few, of Pittsburg, Pa., is now teaching voice in the Pennsylvania Woman's College with success. The Hubbards will ere long give a series of pupils' recitals which will prove of much interest, for Mr. Hubbard, as is well known, does not approve of putting pupils forward at too early a period in their course of study, so it must create a real desire for and love of study on the part of pupils who wish for the opportunity to sing before audiences.

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H. G. Tucker's Four Chamber Concerts.

A series of four chamber concerts, at which various musicians entertain, have been arranged by H. G. Tucker for out of town. Hartford and Springfield, Mass., were included, and the fourth in this series will take place in the former city on January 22, furnishing the same program later at Springfield. This will be given by the Boston Symphony Quartet, with H. G. Tucker, pianist, assisting artist. The third chamber concert took place on January 10, at Hartford, with Emilio de Gogorza as the singer, and Mr. Tucker at the piano. The songs were well chosen from Handel, Gluck, Goring-Thomas, Rubinstein, Franck, Widor and others, and sung as only this artist can—with beautiful conception. All of these concerts have brought success, and Mr. Tucker stands as one of Boston's musical chiefs, philanthropic, wide awake for our city's nausical interests, and a general acquisition to the musical life here.

Eben Howe Bailey, Song Writer.

Eben Howe Bailey as choirmaster and organist at Leyden Church, Brookline, finds interesting work to do, the church recently observing its tenth anniversary as well as that of this organist, with a very appropriate and interesting musical service.

Mr. Bailey has written several successful sacred songs, but in his lighter songs for all kinds of singers he is known across the continent and as well in Europe. The bright little waltz song, "Fleeting Days," has been sung for years, but just now seems to have a new impetus, and it looks as though it would never grow less popular. A recent song, "Summer Is Shining for Me," particularly tuneful and well written, just now seems the song for young singers, and has been constantly applied for since it was published. Mr. Bailey's songs number almost in the hundreds, and his many pupils often make up an entire repertoire of them. "The Weed and the Rose" was made popular by



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Evelyn Johnson, soprano, of Providence, R. I., who gave it of Lawrence, Mass.; January 25, there will be an informal such a beautiful rendering shortly after its publication.

First Jordan Hall Orches'ral Concert.

The first orchestral concert meant that many people went from a feeling somewhat akin to curiosity to hear the new orchestra recently organized by Wallace Goodrich, and considered as supplemental to Boston's noted and justly famed symphony orchestra. There was a good sized audience present, although it should have been twice as large, to hear what proved to be a very interesting program played by a group of fifty-five professional musicians. George Proctor was the soloist. Many admirable things may be said of the occasion. Mr. Goodrich has evidently chosen wisely his musicians, and even though only one public performance has taken place, it already takes rank, and justly, with the good musical things of our winter's repertoire. The getting together of these men, rehearsing them in ensemble work, and producing for the first time ambitious compositions, was in itself a task. Mr. Goodrich conducts with the strength of a man who believes in his orchestra as well as in himself. The "Jeanne d'Arc" dramatic scenes for orchestra, op. 23, showed real beauty of construction and a wealth of imagination, and was played with tasteful intelligence, bringing out much color and brilliance. The composer was present, and both he and Wallace Goodrich received tremendous applause. Mr. Proctor's assistance in the second number was admirable. It was an occasion of interest to music lovers, and a number of musical "lights" were in the audience. The program had notes furnished by Edward Burlingame Hill, and is as follows: Overture to Fidelio, op. 72......Beetl Andante Spianato and Polonaise, op. 22, for Piano and Orches

Gabrilowitsch's Recital.

Ossip Gabrilowitsch appeared for the second time this season in Boston, with his usual brilliant successs. His program began the Chopin sonata in B flat minor, that favorite one with the Funeral March. It was great music. He is technically and poetically equal to all demands. His entire program was played with elegance, nobility and brilliancy. Jordan Hall held a large and highly interested set of listeners, for this eminent Russian enthralls with his combination of intelligence, imagination and virtuosity in general. ~

MORE BOSTON NEWS.

on Schumann, and will lecture at the N. E. Conservatory on January 15 at Steinert & Sons' pianola recital. this week on "Scottish Songs." this week on "Scottish Songs."

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A piano recital was given by Frank Watson, an advanced pupil of the N. E. Conservatory of Music, on January 17. Mr. Watson played acceptably Handel's "Harmonious Blacksmith," Beethoven's sonata in E major, op 109; a group from Chopin, Debussy's "Deux Arabesques," Liszt's "Marche Indienne."

Some attractively important engagements to be filled by Anna Miller Wood are the following: January 13, the Sunday Chamber Concert in Chickering Hall with George Proctor, when she sings a group of five songs by Franz, and some entirely new compositions by Charles F. Manney and others; January 14 she sings with the Orpheus Club,

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'morning" to the pupils at her studios, when Miss Wood will be heard; January 28 a concert of Arthur Foote's comositions will be given by the Musical Club, of Concord, Mass., when Miss Wood will sing with the composer at the piano. The Musical Club, of West Roxbury, recently gave an evening of Foote songs sung by this artist, with Mr. Foote again at the piano.

Olga von Redecki, the pianist, announces a piano recital for Wednesday afternoon at Steinert Hall. Brahms, Schumann. Arensky, Rachmaninoff, Sibelius, Strauss-Schutt, and César Cui will be represented on her program.

P 10 On Tuesday, January 15, the consecration services of the Church of the Messiah took place. William Alden Paull, the choirmaster and organist, furnished an excellent mu sical service, including an anthem, "Light of the World," by Clough-Leighter, inscribed to Rev. J. McG. Foster, the rector. Mr. Paull is especially interested in church music, and brings both foreign experience and study into his work, with results that are constantly showing.

南 南 Mrs. H. H. A. Beach, assisted by Carl Faelten, will give a recital in Steinert Hall on Wednesday evening, February Both of these artists are so well established in Boston their program is of especial interest. It includes a group from MacDowell and the Liszt "Rhapsodie Espagnole," version for two pianos, by Busoni.

心 Samuel Richards Gaines, organist of the Shawmut Congregational Church, who came to Boston about a year ago, has had several pupils from the West, where Mr. Gaines did active musical work for a number of years. Among these are Mrs. Charles F. Hammond and Louise Allen Lyon, of Detroit, both of whom are talented and are here pursuing a course of voice study with Mr. Gaines, who gained considerable standing as a teacher as well as choirmaster in the West.

****** Fannie Bloomfield-Zeisler will give a recital in Steinert Hall on January 29. She will include "The Er! King" on her program.

Two pupils of Mrs. Fenderson sang at Chickering Hall one evening last week. Mrs. Sagar, soprano, and Helen Stanwood, contralto, pleased a large number of invited friends with a list of very pretty songs. Mabel Stearns was at the piano.

Rebecca Cutter, daughter of E. Cutter, Jr., whose voice Last week Louis C. Elson lectured in Providence, R. I., is so pleasantly recalled in her father's musicales, will sing

Gladys Atkinson, a pupil of Clara Munger, has been singing for various clubs and societies. She is a very but gifted girl, and is the daughter of the likewise gifted Lilian Durell. She has a soprano voice of a charming lyric quality, and received all of her training from Miss Munger. Miss Storey, another pupil, has just done some successful work in an orchestral concert at Gloucester, Mass. Her press notices were exceptionally good.

@ @ Whitney Tew, the basso, who is spending the winter in Boston, returning to London in the late spring, gave a program of songs at Jordan Hall on January 9. Mr. Tew has lived in Europe a number of years, and has the artist's prestige in every way. He possesses presence, and while

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suffering, evidently, from one of the prevailing colds, Mr Tew sang in splendid style, and pleased a large crowd of song lovers. His lower tones are pure, of great power, and show him to have absolute command over a voice which is adequate for songs of excessive dignity, or those in a lighter vein such as the old country songs so admirably sung by him. He opened his program from Handel's "Acis and Galatea," "O Ruddier than the Cherry." His program included songs from Martini, Możart, Bach, country songs, old Irish airs, songs by Strauss, Verdi, Henschel; a song cycle by Fairbanks, songs by Liza Lehmann, Löhr, Vincent Thomas and Haynes. It was both intellectual and artistic. At Mr. Tew's next recital he will perform the Rosetti translation of Bürger's "Lenore," with a musical setting by Liszt.

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"Thistledown," a cycle of songs by Gerritt Smith, of New York, was given by William Kittredge, tenor, and accompanied by Dr. Smith on January 11, at the Harvard Musical Association. It was an occasion of much interest, and the cycle went off with much credit to both composer and singer. The program was as follows:

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| Je ne veux pas autre chose | Widor |
| Au Pays Bleu | haminade |
| A Valediction | rril Scott |
| A Song of London | ril Scott |
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CHICAGO, Ill., January 12, 1907.
The fourteenth program, as played by the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, Frederick Stock, conductor, was one of more than usual interest. The soloist, Moriz Rosenthal, proved himself not alone a great virtuoso, but a very popular "star," in the attendance and the enthusiastic applause that greeted him on his entrance. The first requisite of piano playing, before one thinks of technic or conception, is tone quality, and in Rosenthal's playing the superb tonal quality is recognized from the very first note. In his touch one hears the blending of the emotional with the grateful intellectuality of the matured artist. The Chopin E minor concerto was a well chosen number. We all knew and recognized the Titan Rosenthal, now we all know and recognize the poet, the spiritual and romantic troubador, with a technical equipment transcending the realms of the seeming impossible. The Chicago world of music is on the qui vive in anticipation of his recital.

The orchestral numbers were Schubert's march, E flat,

op. 40, No. 1 (orchestrated by Theodore Thomas); Schumann's overture to "Manfred"; Beethoven's fifth symphony. Comment on this particular Beethoven number seems superfluous. That the Thomas Orchestra never appears to better advantage than in a Beethoven symphony is the unanimous opinion of connoisseurs

In a recent lecture on program study given by Glenn Dillard Gunn an excellently well developed résumé of the fifth symphony, read and played from the score, was given. Mr. Gunn adjured his class to refrain from conceiving this symphony as a work of "pure joy" from cover to cover, but rather to remember it is the offering of a man of strength who never recognized acquaintance with anemic sentimentality. This advice might be, with good results, assimilated generally.

Schumann in the overture to "Manfred" has written one of the most stirring and emotional of music which breathes the same weird, fanciful gloom and passion found in Byron's unrivaled poem. As one listened to the overture one remembered Manfred in his command: "Ye spirits of the unbounded universe. Rise! Appear!" And the coming of the seven spirits of whom he asks for "forgetfulness, oblivion" and is denied; in his soliloquy on the high cliff of the Jungfrau, on what he calls his "fatality to live"; the pathetic appeal to Astarte and the final "requiem"; and one would like to hear excerpts from Schumann's music to "Manfred," along with the superb overture, under the sympathetic baton of Frederick Stock. ~ ~

George Hamlin, tenor, who arrived from Europe last week, will give his only recital in Chicago under the di-

rection of F. Wight Neumann, at Music Hall, Sunday afternoon, January 27.

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The following two programs will be played by the Thomas Orchestra at St. Louis on January 14 and 15:

| Overture, Leonore, No. 1Beethoven |
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| Symphony, No. 8, B minor (unfinished)Schubert |
| Allegro moderato, Andante con moto. |
| Concerto for Violin, No. 2, op. 44Bruch Leopold Kramer. |
| Overture, Liebesfrühling |
| Italian Serenade |
| Tone Poem, Death and TransfigurationStrauss |
| Overture, HusitzkaDvorák |
| Serenade, for Thirteen Wind InstrumentsStrauss |
| Konzert Etude, for StringsSinigaglia |
| Variations Symphoniques, for VioloncelloBoellmann Bruno Steindel. |
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Francis Macmillen will play the following program at his recital at Orchestra Hall tomorrow:

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The San Carlo Opera Company will open their week's engagement at the Auditorium on February 18, with Ponchielli's "La Gioconda," and Nordica.

The New York Symphony Orchestra was heard in a Wagnerian program on Sunday, January 6, at Orchestra

Rosenthal will appear in recital on January 26; Lhévinne

on January 27.

The event of the season, musically as well as socially, will be the visit to Chicago, the first time in fifteen years, of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, under the conductorship of Dr. Karl Muck, at the Auditorium, January 30. Dr. Muck, who is at the head of the orchestra for the present season, is one of the great conductors of Germany. The Boston Symphony Orchestra, when it goes on the

who brings this orchestra to Chicago, would not consent to its coming except in its entirety. The impresario has therefore arranged to have the remaining members of the orchestra, twenty-eight artists, come direct from Boston to Chicago specially for this one concert, and the expense of the undertaking will, it is understood, amo close to \$6,000. But such is Mr. Neumann's faith in the interest he believes the Chicago public will take in this concert for which he has assumed such a heavy risk. Seats can now be secured by addressing the Auditorium box office and be filled in the order of their receipt.

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Olga Samaroff, who made one of the most popular successes a few weeks ago with the Chicago Orchestra, has been engaged by F. Wight Neumann for a piano recital at the Music Hall, Sunday afternoon, January 13, when she will play the following program:

| Prelude, Chorale and Fugue |
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| Prelude in F major, op. 28, No. 23 |
| Prelude in B flat major, op. 28, No. 21 |
| Prelude in D minor, op. 28, No. 24 |
| Etude, op. 25, No. 3Chopin |
| Sonata, B' minor, op. 58Chopin |
| Rhapsodie, G minorBrahms |
| Capriccio, B minorBrahms |
| Nocturno Sgambati |
| Toccata Debussy |
| Mephisto WaltzLizzt |
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Arthur M. Burton, baritone, will give a song recital at Music Hall, January 24, in a program composed of numbers from Bach, Handel, Schubert, Schumann, Dr. Arne, Strauss, Reger, Schilling, Wolf, Frank La Forge, Saint-Saëns, Coleridge-Taylor, Hammond. Edward Schneider will be the accompanist.

元 元 Minnie Fish Griffin, soprano, of the faculty of the Cosmopolitan School of Music, will give a song recital at the Auditorium Recital Hall, on January 17, assisted by Dr. N. J. Elsenheimer, pianist.

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Ella Dahl Rich, who has decided to re-enter the concert field, is one of Chicago's most accomplished pianists. Mrs. Rich studied abroad four years with Leschetizky and Oscar Raif, and on returning to America was the soloist on two occasions with the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, receiving on both occasions unanimous praise from the In reviewing the Tschaikowsky concerto as played by Mrs. Rich on her first appearance with the orchestra, the Tribune said: "She at all times dominated the orchestra, and her presentment of the work was, in its entirety, worthy of the hearty commendation and enthusiastic favor it found at the hands of the audience. Mrs. Rich's technic is clear, crisp and brilliant, her sense of dynamic proportion is well developed, and her readings disclose musicianship, refinement and considerable imaginative and poetic power. The andantino yesterday was given with

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nice appreciation of its simple, idyllic character, and the final allegro, with its twisted, catchy rhythm, was played with brilliancy and verve. It was a more than usually successful performance, and the encore the audience insisted upon having, and which was responded to with the Chopin D flat nocturne, but served to deepen the good impression previously made."

Mrs. Rich at a recent musicale in Minneapolis played the following numbers: Schutt suite (presented in manuscript to Mrs. Rich by the composer). Grieg sonata, Chopin ballade (No. 4), and Moszkowski's "Etincelles."

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Carolyn Louise Willard, of the faculty of the Bush Temple Conservatory, will give a piano recital at Music Hall on January 29. Miss Willard will play the following

| Pastorale Domenico Scarlatti |
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| Capriccio Domenico Scarlatti |
| Rhapsodie, G minorBrahms |
| Intermezzo, op. 117, No. 1 |
| Scherzo à Capriccio, F sharp minor |
| Nachtstück, F majorSchumann |
| Traumes Wirren, from the PhantasiestuckeSchumann |
| Prelude, E minorChopin |
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Louise St. John Westervelt, soprano, gave a song recital at the New Century Club, Philadelphia, Pa., on January 9. assisted by Dorothy Johnstone, harpist. Miss Westervelt sang "Rejoice Greatly" ("Messiah"), Handel; "Mond-nacht," Schumann; "Haiden-Roslein," Schubert; "Meine

Liebe ist Grün," Brahms; "Morgen," "Wiegenlied" and "Heimliche Aufforderung," by R. Strauss; aria from "Philemon et Baucis," Gounod; and the following: Songs with harp accompaniment; "Solvej's Song," Grieg; Mes Vers Avaient des Ailes," R. Hahn; "Spring," Henschel; "Fairy Lullaby," "Ah, Love But a Day," and "June.

There is no better authority on interpretation and musical pedagogies than William H. Sherwood, the pianist. At his illustrated talk on interpretation given before the advanced pupils and assistant teachers of the Sherwood School of Music on January 9, this fact was well emphasized; also, one has but to review some few of the many compositions edited by Mr. Sherwood to realize his perfect understanding of the mechanical and ethical problems confronting the piano student in his pathway to Parnassus, and what is of greatly more importance, the applicable knowledge and ideas for the solving of the same as found in his editions.

All well schooled pianists know (and all student pianists should know) that the question of "edition" in piano music is of essential importance. A teacher to impart authentic analyses must be a very learned pedagogue, familiar with all editions, their differing marks of accent and metronomic indications, beginning and ending of phrases (even the text itself being frequently in question), without referring to dynamics, nuance, and the use of the pedal, as conceived by the various editors of these various editions. Without this store of knowledge there is no authentic source of information on the question of interpretation. man who, like William H. Sherwood, has become a distinguished pianist has passed through all these multitudinous editions, good, bad and indifferent, he has had per-

sonal acquaintance with them all and can tell you their every weak and strong point. In his own playing he will have none of them. He has become an eclectic. In the process of assimilation, not unmixed with his own ego, an nterpretation has been evolved that is complete, authtive and final, and if he would he could, like Mr. Sherwood, give analyses, interpretative, mechanical, ethical and practical suggestions in the application of cause and effect. which, culled from his vast experience and based on a comprehensive study with its resultant conclusions would cover the field as has never yet been done, in an edition ex cathedra that would justly entitle him to a niche in the

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William A. Willett, baritone, at his song recital at Toledo, Ia., January 14, will sing the following numbers: "Hear Me, Ye Winds and Waves," Handel; five serious songs, Dvorák; "Sheep Under the Snow," Old Manx, 1267; "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," English, date uncertain; "Love Leads to Battle" (opera "Camilla"), Buononini: "Over Here," an old Irish, date uncertain; "In Questa Tomba," Beethoven; "She Never Told Her Love," Haydn; "Du Bist Die Ruh," Schubert; "Widmung," Schumann: "Minnelied," Brahms; "All," Strauss; "Leuz," Hildach; "Forever and a Day," Mack; "Marching Along," White; "Four Leaf Clover," Coombs; Philadelphia, old Irish; "Prospice" (Browning), Homer. On January 18 Mr. Willett will give a recital at Evanston, Ill.; on the 23d he will sing for the Menokeu Club, Chicago, and on the 28th will begin a two weeks' tour through Wisconsin and Michigan.

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EVELYN KAESSMAN.

Laura Graves Wins Tributes in New Brunswick.

Laura Graves, a contralto, who is rapidly winning her way in concert and oratorio, was especially successful at December performance of "The Messiah," given by the Choral Symphony Society, of New Brunswick, N. J. The singer was particularly commended by the public and critics for filling the place at the ninth hour left vacant, through illness, of the artist originally engaged. Some notices follow:

notices follow:

Miss Graves and Mr. Young were engaged at the last moment to fill the places of Adele Baldwin and Mr. Barrow, respectively, who were prevented by illness from taking their parts. It was an agreeable surprise to find the places so well filled, after being confronted at the box office with a large placard stating the illness of the two soloists originally engaged. Miss Graves, the contralto, made her first appearance before us last evening, and at the outset seemed disappointing in her sustaining power of voice and in vital tone color. This, we are happy to say, disappeared later, and in "He Was Despised and Rejected," she sang with all the deep feeling which this beautiful, yet somber number calls for.—New Brunswick News, December 28, 1906.

The soloists were Caroline Mihr-Hardy, Laura Graves, contralto; John Young, tenor, and Dr. Carl Dufft, bass, all of whom with the exception of the tenor, were strangers to the ear of our public. Both the contralto and tenor graciously consented on short notice to fill vacancies caused by illness. Miss Graves, the contralto, who by the way seems a favorite in oratorio work in New York, having sung there on Wednesday afternoon with the Oratorio Society, gracefully and sympathetically rendered "He Was Despised and Rejected," and in her portion of the aria, "He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd," preceding the soprano portion, gave equal satisfaction.—New Brunswick Daily Times, December 38, 1906.

The singing of Laura Graves, the contralto, who came out on short notice, was one of the delightful features of the evening. Early in the evening, she seemed to suffer from a slight hoarseness, but later on sang in an interesting and satisfactory way, and with excellent style. She was probably at her beat in "He Was Ded," which brought forth the unatinted applause of the audi--Daily Times, December 29, 1906.

The program of the late Hamburg Philharmonic concert contained orchestral works by Mendelssohn (A major symphony), Richard Strauss ("Symphonia Domestica," op. 55), soprano solo by Edyth Walker (air from Mozari's "Tito"), and Wagner's closing scene of Brunnhilde, from the "Gotterdanduerung."

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MINNEAPOLIS SYMPHONY CONCERTS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., January 10, 1907. Emilio de Gogorza received an ovation at the symphony concert last Friday evening. He sang arias from Mas senet's "Roi de Lahore" and Gounod's "Faust" brilliantly and artistically, responding to encores after each appear-The "Toreador's Song," used for the second encore, aroused the audience to such a pitch of enthusiasm that he was compelled to repeat it.

The symphony was Beethoven's fifth, the opening over ture Brahms' "Academic." Both were excellently played, though the scherzo of the symphony was taken a trifle too slow, probably to allow the contrabassi to clearly exe cute their famous passage. They did this admirably and the tempo allowed other parts prominence and unusual distinctness, though the movement in general lost life and

'go" in consequence.

Dvorák's "Scherzo Capriccioso" and Tschaikowsky's "1812 Overture" were played with great brilliancy, Hamlin Hunt at the organ adding to the climaxes of the over-ture, which concluded the program. The auditorium is an immense hall, its size admitting the rendition of such compositions, and the audience was treated to a mass of tonal combination which excited them to unusual enthusiasm, the overture being much more effective in such a room than in an ordinary concert hall.

The third Sunday popular concert brought out Carlo Fischer as soloist. Mr. Fischer is leading 'cellist of the orchestra and a most excellent artist whose playing greatly enjoyed and appreciated. His numbers were "Kol Nidrei," Brush; an elegie by von Goens and the favorite Popper gavotte.

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The orchestra played the "Tannhäuser March," "William Tell" overture, selections from "Carmen," Mendels-"Spring Song," the Glazounow arrangement Chopin's Polonaise in A and the introduction to Act III, "Lohengrin."

The hall was filled with enthusiastic music lovers to whom the Sunday concerts become more attractive each fortnight, judging by the constantly increasing attendance. Audiences of 2,000 at evening and popular performances, speak well for the development of musical taste in this city. @ @

The orchestra will give an extra concert January 18 at which Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream" will be performed with George Riddle as reader and a ladies' chorus from the Philharmonic Club assisting.

The Ladies' Thursday Musicale hit upon an interesting novelty for their last meeting, which was held immediately after the holiday rush. It was a "Lullaby Program" and was particularly apropos at that time. A number of our Vienne" and "Marche Militaire."

best local artists made it one of the most delightful pro grams the club has given.

The student section of the club held its second recital at the residence of Mrs. Horace M. Hill, on Tuesday last. A feature of the occasion was the appearance of the choral club under the direction of Florence E. Parks,

"The Opera" will be the subject for papers at the Study Club, and great interest is shown in the coming discus sions on "Structural Form.

St. Paul's vested choir, under direction of E. C. Lawton, choirmaster, rendered Buck's "Coming of the King" last Sunday afternoon.

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A. R. Wiley and advanced pupils announce a recital from "Living Composers" for next week. Coleridge-Taylor, Sir Edward Elgar, Landon Ronald, Grace Wassall. Peel and Saint-Saëns will be drawn upon for songs.

Germaine Schnitzer's Tour Promises to Be a Success.

Germaine Schnitzer's sudden vogue has not surprised those who have followed the foreign successes of this young American pianist. Few artists have been received with greater favor in recent years. In Boston and New York, where she has given recitals, the critics have been enthusiastic in their praise of her playing, and her tour throughout the country promises to be a marked success.

Alice Sovereign Engaged for the Syracuse Festival.

Alice Sovereign has been engaged to sing at the Syracuse Festival, May 6, 7 and 8. She will be the principal contralto in the performance of "Samson and Delilah." Under Loudon Charlton's direction, Miss Sovereign is meeting with pronounced success, her recent singing at Carnegie Hall, in "The Messiah," won her special praise.

Cycle Quartet Bookings for February.

The Cycle Quartet, which Loudon Charlton is featuring this year, is booked for the entire month of February the Middle West and South. "The Persian Garden" will be sung in addition to Grace Wassall's "Shakespeare Cycle." The members of the quartet are: Mme. Shotwell-Piper, Katharine Fisk, Kelley Cole and Francis Rogers.

At her recent Geneva concert, Teresa Carreño performed the following piano solos: Beethoven, sonata, op. Schumann, phantasie, in C major, op. 17; Chopid, E flat nocturne and ballades, in G minor and A flat; Schubert's 2; Schubert-Lisz*, "Soirée de impromptu, op. 90, No.

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Extracts From Press Comments on New York Recital January 10.

Mr. Witherspoon's Concert.

A CANTATA BY BACH AND MODERN SONGS SUNG IN MEN. ing excellent.-Press, January 11.

DELSSOHN HALL

Mr. Herbert Witherspoon at his song recital in Mendelssohn Hall yesterday afternoon set forth a program that had many interesting features. Mr. Witherspoon is a singer of unusual intelligence and possessed of voice and style of unusual beauty. Mr. Witherspoon began his concert with Bach's solo cantata-as it was styled in the old fashioned nomenclature-"Amor Traditore," which consists of a slow and fast air, separated by a recitative. Its performance was an interesting experiment.

Mr. Witherspoon's singing is marked by a strong feeling for the character of the song he is interpreting and by excellent diction. The richness and smoothness of his voice are admirable, and his artistic instincts make almost always for artistic results. A large audience heard him yesterday afternoon.-Times, January 11.

Witherspoon's Singing Gives Joy.

Not often does a concert seem too short: but Herbert Witherspoon's song recital yesterday afternoon in Mendelssohn Hall, which lasted barely more than an hour, was just such an exception. The fact is the bass-bari-tone gave such keen enjoyment within the brief span in which he detained his listeners-a good sized throng, by the way-that they gladly would have had a half hour more of this agreeable fare.

Witherspoon, who has made remarkable progress in the art of lieder singing in the last three or four years, was heard to best advantage in German and English songs. His singing of Schubert's "Der Döppelgänger" and "An Schwager Kronos" was admirable in dramatic suggestiveness. His interpretation of Sidney Homer's "How's My Boy?" which thoroughly deserved a prominent place on the program-a thing not to be said of every other contribution-also was a fine piece of work. His enuncia-

tion at all times was admirable, his grasp of poetic mean-. ing's fugue, and a pretty song by Gena Branscombe.

Mr. Witherspoon's Recital.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM OF SONGS AT MENDELSSOHN HALL.

Herbert Witherspoon, basso, gave a song recital yesterday afternoon in Mendelssohn Hall. The program was one of interest, because Mr. Witherspoon did not feel it to be his solemn duty to sing everything that every one else had sung recently. It is a pleasure to listen to songs which are not sung to death. When he came to the next song, Schubert's "Döppelgänger," he seemed to be more at home, and he sang it with much dramatic power.

He made a good effect with a treatment à la recitative of a piquant little song of Weingartner, entitled "Nelken." "Si tu le veux," by Koechlin, had to be repeated. A group of songs by American composers suffered by comparison with the more finished products of the older looms. One of them, "How's My Boy," by Sidney Homer, had elements of dramatic force in it.-Sun, January 11.

Mr. Witherspoon Sings.

In Mendelssohn Hall, yesterday afternoon, Herbert Witherspoon gave much sincere and lofty pleasure to the lovers of songs and song singing gathered together to hear his annual recital, and grieved them but little. Commendable in the extreme was Mr. Witherspoon's distinctness of verbal utterance in all languages.-Tribune, January 11.

Herbert Witherspoon.

It is not often that a song recital gives such keen and genuine pleasure as the one given by Herbert Witherspoon yesterday afternoon in Mendelssohn Hall. The program was fresh and varied, and the singer showed intelligent understanding of the different songs and much skill in singing them. Mr. Witherspoon has in particular an uncommonly fine legato. He was particularly good in Sind-

Globe, January 11.

Witherspoon Sings Like a Gentleman.

HIS RECITAL IN MENDELSSOHN HALL IS DISTINGUISHED BY GOOD TASTE AND ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE.

Herbert Witherspoon gave a recital yesterday in Men delssohn Hall.

Mr. Witherspoon is essentially an artist. His equipment for the concert stage is undeniable. His voice throughout range is agreeable, and his lower notes remarkable, his high notes mellow. In addition to this he has taste in execution and on the platform the air of an educated gentleman, attributes that are in all senses precious. He has moreover a sense of humor and of the dramatic in interpretation.

The beautiful song "Friede," and the Scotch song, "The Auld Fisher," were most artistically done, and Bizet's fine song "Le Gascon" was given not only with breadth of tone, but also with dash, verve and color.

Arthur Rosenstein proved to be an excellent accompanist .- Telegraph, January 11.

Herbert Witherspoon is one of the few American men singers who have had the patience and ability to go through the grind of learning how to sing songs. He would doubtless disclaim having completed his education yet; like all good artists, he is learning something of his art all the time, but already Mr. Witherspoon is able to give genuine pleasure to discriminating listeners, and that is saying a good deal.

At his recital yesterday in Mendelssohn Hall, the American basso kept a large audience interested, not merely by the beauty of most of his tones, but by the contrast and variety of his interpretations. Nearly every song had a distinct character, and he succeeded uncommonly well in communicating the several moods to the listeners, especial ly those with a vein of humor.-Mail, January 11.

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According to custom of more than a century, the first Gewandhaus program after the Christmas holidays was played on New Year's Day. The public rehearsal was held, as usual, on the morning of the preceding day. The program was of such well known compositions as to appeal to the entire public. The orchestral works were the "Euryanthe" overture, Liszt's symphonic poem, "Lamento e trionfo," and the Beethoven fifth symphony. The soprano, Selma Kurz, of the Vienna Opera, was to have sung, but she became ill and was replaced by the mezzo, Tilly Koenen, of Amsterdam. Her numbers, with or-chestra, were the Strauss "Hymnus," the Weingartner "Frühlingsgespenster," and Hugo Wolf's "Er ist's." piano she sang Schubert's "Wegweiser" and "Auflösung," besides Brahms' "Sapphische Ode" and "Von ewiger Her singing was most enjoyable. Nikisch gave his very best art to the interpretation of the program. The Beethoven was a combination of clear phrasing and occasional playing in great abandon, so that the audience at the rehearsal testified its most decided appreciation by repeatedly calling the conductor to the stand. If anything, there was still more character in the playing of the Liszt. and what great, enjoyable music it is. The auditor or writer is never safe in giving too literal an interpretation on a composer's supposed intentions, but the observation is unavoidably apropos that this composition contains a figure for the violas that is a striking suggestion of the swishing of water around a gondola. Nevertheless, the impressive force of the composition as absolute music is far beyond any consideration of "program."

Arthur Nikisch left Leipsic January 2 for a few days in England. In his absence, Richard Strauss will direct the next Gewandhaus program of January 9-10. A Mozart G minor symphony, the Brahms first piano concerto (Max Pauer, of Stuttgart), besides the Strauss "Also sprach Zarathustra," and the love scene from "Feuersnot" will

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Here is the Gewandhaus program of the century before, January I, 1807:

"Te Deum laudamus," by Joh. Ad. Hasse (1679-1783), "Concert on the Flute" composed and played by music director Aug. Eberhard Müller (1767-1817), Cantata, "Gerechte, frohlocket," by Müller.

The program was in joint celebration of the treaty of peace with France and in recognition of the ascension of an elector to the throne. The concerts of the months before had been briefly interrupted by the French army's entry into the city. October 18, 1806, so that the next concert was played November 27. Composer-flutist Müller was later cantor of the St. Thomas School, and was chiefly known in that capacity and as pianist and organist. He wrote eleven concertos for flute, two concertos and five sonatas for piano and voluminous other works,

representative Gewandhaus orchestral program is that of January 1, 1801, to commemorate the incoming of the nineteenth century. Note the three symphonies:

Symphony, by Haydn.

"103d Psalm," by Joh. G. Naumann (1741-1801).

Symphony, by Mozart.

Ambrosian "Song of Praise," by Hasse.

Chorus, "Praise the Lord," by Joh. Gottlieb Schicht (conductor at the Gewandhaus, 1785 to 1810).

"Closing Symphony" (a term used in this stereotype form for every Gewandhaus program of that year).

During the holidays just closed the Thomaner chor gave motet services Saturday and Monday afternoons, December 29 and 31, also sang in the Nicolai Church two works, with orchesira, December 30 and January 1. given on the first date was Gustav Schreck's "Herr erzeige uns deine Gnade," for solo, chorus and wind instruments. On New Year's Day the work given was Bach's "Nun lob' mein' Seel' den Herren," for solo, chorus, orchestra and organ.

The two motet services brought three works by Bach, one each by E. F. Richter, Johann Bartz, Max Ansorge, Mendelssohn, and J. A. P. Schulz.

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Harry M. Field, the former Toronto pianist, who is now located and has begun teaching again in Dresden, spent some of the holidays in Leipsic. The Dresden correspondent of this paper has already spoken of his reappearance in public there in November at the composer concert of Paul Colburg. Within a few weeks Mr. Field will bring before the public for the very first time a new fantasia for piano and orchestra, by Alvin Kranich, formerly of New York and Leipsic, but now of Dresden. Mr. Field reports his friend Kranich leading a very happy life in the beautiful court city of Saxony.

A former Field pupil, Gertrud Stener, of Leipsic, will play a recital in this city in February, her program to comprise principally Beethoven and Liszt

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The only public recital given here between Christmas and aside from the Gewandhaus public rehearsal, was that of the soprano, Sophie Krempe, of Zwickau, as-sisted by pianist Georg Zcherneck, of Leipsic, as soloist, and Conductor R. Vollhardt, of Zwickau, as accompanist. The songs were two each by Strauss, Jensen and Robert Schumann, four by Reger, three each by Brahms and Georg Schumann. Zcherneck played the five Reger sketches, "Aus meinem Tagebuch," the intermezzo, op. 65, No. 6, by Christion Sinding, and the "Grande Polonaise," by Jules

The singer has a fine voice, fair musical endowment, and an appearance and bearing most becoming for the concert stage. She has evidently been away from a coach for some years, during which her manner of vocalization must have suffered. In nearly every higher tone and some of the middle ones the voice is in imminent need of focusing and intensifying. Any reliable voice teacher could

bring about the proper change within a few months.

Zcherneck again showed his good musicianship, just as he has on numerous occasions within the past ten months. The Reger sketches, comprising the "Tagebuch," have a content that strongly suggests a mental kinship with Schumann, without a definite relation to any particular composition by the latter. Some musicians have suggested Brahms in the same connection, but these pieces, far from showing the deep flowing lyricism of Brahms, seem closer to the Schumann genre of rhythm. After these and sun-dry speculations, still note that the sketches sound more like Reger than either of the other composers named. They form cleanly chiseled, agreeable stuff. Conductor Vollhardt showed a fine musicianship in his playing of all the accompaniments. He conducts four symphony concerts, a number of chamber concerts and many choral con-certs in Zwickau each year. Many guests from that city were present at this concert in honor of their townspeople. Wilhelm Schmidt, conductor of the city orchestra, was among them.

For those who find interest in observing the works being taught to students of Leipsic Conservatory, the following late November and December programs are sub-

Haydn string quartet, in D minor; "La flute de Pan," sonata for flute and piano; Brahms, Strauss and Schubert songs, with piano; Bach-Liszt A minor, piano, prelude and fugue; Schubert, Bizet and Delibes songs, with piano; Beethoven E flat piano concerto, with orchestra, played by Herr Kroemer.

The program of December 7 was as follows: Two move-ments of a Mozart clarinet concerto, with piano; Bach chromatic fantasia and fugue for piano; adagio, from the Mozart quintet, for violins, violas and 'cello; four old German songs, with piano, in the Reimann setting, "Lin-denlaub," "Es steht ein Lind in jenem Tale," "Ich hab' die Nacht geträumt," and "Jäger's Morgenbesuch"; Men-delssohn D minor piano concerto, with orchestra, played by Fräulein Rompacy; Brahms, Liszt and Wolf songs, with piano; Liszt Hungarian piano fantasia, with second piano.

The program of December 11 was as follows: "Fantaisie Pastorale Hongroise," for flute and piano; Friedemann Bach's D minor organ concerto, in the Stradel setting, for piano solo; second and third movements of the Bruch G minor violin concerto, with piano; Schubert E

flat trio, op. 100, for piano and strings.

The program for December 14 was as follows: Ebner's romanza, for trombone and piano; L. Sinigaglia's "Variations on a Schubert Theme," for oboe and piano; Beethoven E flat piano concerto with orchestra, played by Fräulein Schwanebeck; Liszt solo pieces, for piano, the "St. Francis Legends," and the sixth rhapsody; Mozart aria, with violin and piano, from "Il re pastore"; second and third movements of the Beethoven G major piano concerto, with orchestra, played by Miss Croucher.

The program of December 21 was as follows: String quartet, F major, op. 18, by Beethoven; first movement of Beethoven C major piano concerto, with orchestra, played by Herr Simon; vocal duet, with piano, from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro"; soprano aria, from the same, with piano; first movement of Mozart C minor piano concerto, with orchestra, played by Fräulein Ulrich; five piano pieces under the title of "Stimmungen," composed and played by a student, Herr Reime; three Cornelius Christmas songs with piano; Mendelssohn rondo brillant, for piano, with orchestra, played by James Whittaker. The five above piano miniature or "moods," by Herr Reime, are very meritorious studies, and they were very well played by the composer. Among the most brilliant of performances in the above list of material, the playing of the two Liszt pieces, on December 14, by Mr. Quarry, might take first rank. The pianist has been here for a number of years under Teichmüller, for whom he prepares a great many pupils. Quarry showed fine feeling for this Liszt melody and had command of all the necessary technic for fine treatment of the instrument, though in heroic style. Young Whittaker, who played the Mendelssohn rondo, is about seventeen years old, and he will probably make his Prüfung in March. He is a son of James Whittaker,

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The pianist Lonny (Leona) Epstein, of Cologne, played three concertos with the Winderstein Orchestra, under her instructor, Carl Friedberg, of the Cologne Conservatory. The second concerto by d'Albert, the C minor by Mozart and the E minor by Chopin, were selected. The young lady's playing was such as to command admiration, for she seemed thoroughly routined and at ease in company with the orchestra. She had all the necessary power for a strong presentation of the heavy material in the d'Albert concerto, yet a light hand for all passages that needed it.

The d'Albert concerto proved very agreeable music and a very good chance for pianistic display. But as one part is slightly Schumannesque for the piano, another Wagnerian for the orchestra and still another part Tschaikowsky-Bflat-minor-like between piano and orchestra, the work looks to be slightly crossbred, with not a great deal of in-dividuality left to the real composer. This concerto was first played in America, November 1, 1902, in Chicago, by Allen H. Spencer, with second piano played by Emil Liebling.

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The Haydn "Children's Symphony" was recently played by eleven precocious youths, in ages from twelve to twentyfive, at a bazaar given in Hotel de Prusse for the American-British Free Church. A microscopic analysis of some of the tin horn effects in this score arouse the suspicion that Haydn was plagiarizing on the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth symphonies by Gustav Mahler.

The Bohemian String Quartet had Miss Ney's assistance in the same hall on the evening following her own concert. The three compositions played were the Tschaikowsky string quartet, op. 22; the Brahms piano quartet, op. 25 and the Mozart A major clarinet quintet, with the clarinet part played by Prof. Oskar Schubert, of Berlin. The quartet is maintaining the high standard set on the two previous evenings and on this occasion genuine enthusiasm prevailed over the house. Miss Ney's serious musical attitude was ideally shown in this Brahms performance, for she held the piano in most perfect balance with the strings. The last movement contained an extended passage of light, rapid playing, which she accomplished with the steadiness of a metronome. Professor Schubert's assistance in the Mozart was equally musicianlike; accordingly the clarinet blended beautifully with the strings. The three concerts noted above were under the Eulenburg local arrangement That by Pembauer was arranged by Hugo Sander.

The third program of modern German Lieder sung in the Kaufhaus by the Dresden tenor, Hans Buff-Giessen, had less of the outstanding character of the former two. The last was devoted to Wilhelm Berger (Boston, 1861-), Arnold Mendelssohn (Ratisbor, 1855-), and Kurt Striegler (Dresden, 1886-). These three were present to accompany their own songs. The five Berger songs given were: "Bergnacht," op. 24; "Der Waldsee," op. 24; "Im Sturm," op. 81; "Glück," op. 73, and "Trotzdem," op. 81. While all of them are singable and agreeable, the last is the only one of great character. It is built on a very strong poem, wherein the singer defies Fate, determined to tread whatever path he will. The song is worthy of wide circulation

Arnold Mendelssohn had many years of the career of a singer, and it was to be expected that his songs should lie well for the voice. Two sacred songs, "Portum in-veni" and "Ergebung," also five others, were produced here, the other titles being "Der Zimmermann," "Som-merbild," "Fischerlied," "Ständchen" and "Die Näherim." Of these "Der Zimmermann" and "Fischerlied" probably had most character in the writing.

The seven songs by the twenty year old Striegler were not of even merit, but one could find here and there traces of talent and some power of conception. Four of the seven were in manuscript. The printed songs were "Nachtge-sicht," "Das Kätzchen" and "Einsiedel." Herr Buff-Giessen sang all the lieder of the three programs with infinite interpretative care, and everywhere in the fine taste of a well routined musician. The programs were given here under the Hugo Sander arrangement.

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Compositions by the venerable critic of the Leipziger Neuesten Nachrichten, Alexander Winterberger (1834-) vere sung to the composer's own accompaniment in the Kaufhaus, December 16, by the local soprano, Magdalena Eckhardt. The baritone. Willy Scribe, also participated. Beatrice Winterberger, daughter of the composer, was to have played piano compositions, but injury to one of her hands prevented. The songs ranged through the op. numbers 6, 9, 10, 18, 22, 33, 36, 86, 91, 102, 111, 119, 121, 123 and 125. The first of these were in print as early as 1858. They are all written in melodious, eminently singable style. A number of them contained mild piano cha acterizations, such as that of the "Bergstimme," op. 36; "Im Mai," op. 9, and "Ständchen," op. 10. The "Triumphlied," op. 125, is as effective a song as any of those presented here.

The soprano sang very musically and her voice was com mendably used, though it would profit greatly by a slightly more intensified production in all of the upper registers. The baritone's voice was produced on the same breathy plan and would undoubtedly sound better and wear longer if more intensified. Winterberger was for a time a pupil Franz Liszt, and the fine, free moods of his songs are not wholly unrelated to those of that master. He entered Leipsic Conservatory as a student in 1847.

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A BRILLIANT SEASON FOR DANIEL BEDDOE.

Daniel Beddoe, under the management of Henry Wolfsohn, is rapidly becoming recognized as one of the popular tenors of the day. He has had many engagements this season, and his spring bookings indicate that he will be heard at nearly all of the important music festivals. Notices from papers on his December concerts follow:

Mr. Beddoe's good qualities as an oratorio singer were finely ex-ibited in "Comfort Ye," "Every Valley" and "Thou Shalt Break hem."—New York Herald, December 27, 1906.

Dan Beddoe again proved his sterling qualit er.-New York Evening Sun, December 27, 1906.

The brilliant timbre of Mr. Beddoe's voice suits well such an "Every Valley."—New York Globe, December 27, 1906.

Dan Beddoe's noble voice-a fine, ringing, vibrant tenor heard to good advantage.-New York Press, December 27, 1906.

Mr. Beddoe has a superb tenor voice with ringing top notes which used most effectively in the solos of the Beatitudes—notably the prologue, "Dark Brooded Fear O'er the Land," and in fourth where he sings "With Thy Light Dispel the Clouds." Oberlin News, December 12, 1906.

It is a pleasure to speak with admiration of Mr. Beddoe's beautiful voice and dignified style. The tenor parts have never had a more adequate rendition, and the fourth Beatitude as sung by the fine artists was something long to be remembered.—Oberlin Review.

Mr. Beddoe was a worthy associate of the soprano and bass-nging the recitative, "Comfort Ye," and the air, "Every Hill am-rery Valley," with a technical dexterity and a vocal charm that upled with his energetic delivery of "Thou Shalt Break Them," and with his admirable work in other passages, stamped him as erior artist.-Newark Evening News

Mr. Beddoe possesses both voice and technic combi-

The wonderfully intricate "Potter's Vessel" tenor aris possessed no apparent difficulties for Mr. Beddoe, whose flexible vocal method and uncommon artistry were richly worth coming miles to hear. From the very first note of the lovely "Comfort Ye" to the last of his part of the unaccompanied quartet, his treatment of the score was marked with the reverent sympathy of a born student—one who has not only made himself letter perfect in the matter of constant practice, but who has remembered as well the traditions and history of the great group of themes.—Springfield Daily News.

Especially noticeable was the work of Daniel Beddoe, whose powerful voice is well fitted for the strenuous requirements of oratorio work. The quality of his voice tone is good and he had a commendable way of throwing himself into the aprirt of the music and doing the heroics heroically.—Springfield Union.

It is not unfair to say that the strongest effect was produced last evening by Mr. Beddoe, who is without doubt one of the most remarkable new tenors who have appeared in the concert field in recent years. An idea of his quality and power was to be had in the great aria, "Thou Shalt Break Them," which he sang as few tenors can sing it. He sings with case and largenesa, and can do what he pleases with his voice. He pleases, it is true, not always quite the right thing; he does not altogether escape from the temptation that besets the tenor to treat himself as a mirsele of nature, and to treat a fine tone as an end in itself rather than a medium of interpretation. But it is fair to say that this tendency was not often indulged, and that in most of the arias he sang with sincerity and power. He is a singer who will no doubt be heard here frequently hereafter—Springfield Daily Republican, December 14, 1906. It is not unfair to say that the strongest effect was pr

"Les Huguenets" at the Manhattan.

Rehearsals of "Les Huguenots" are in progress at the Manhattan Opera House. The opera will be given on Friday evening next, and as the cast is a long one, m of the leading singers of the Manhattan Company will be heard, notably Russ, Pinkert, De Cisneros, Arta, Severina and Zaccaria and Bassi, Arimondi, Ancona, Seveilhac, Venturini, Fossetta, Mugnoz, Daddi and Reschiglian. Campanini will conduct. Mr. Hammerstein believes that 'Les Huguenots" will become one of the favorite operas of the Manhattan season.

Birdice Blye to Give a Recital in New York.

Birdice Blye, a pianist, widely known in this country and Europe, will give a recital in Mendelssohn Hall on afternoon of Monday, February 18. This will be Madame Blve's first appearance in New York this season Many admirers of the artist living in the East are look rward with interest to her concert

Alfred Bruneati's opera, "Nais Miconia," will have its first production at Monte Carlo.

Whitney Tew's Recital in Providence.

Whitney Tew's recital at Churchill House, in Providence, R. I., on January 4, was voted a fine success by the music lovers who heard him. The program was unusually attractive, and was reviewed by the critic of the Providence Tribune, as follows:

Whitney Tew, basso, presented in son lections at Churchill House last evening:

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pression were unique features of his delivery throughout the recital. His voice is of good range, profound without any of the blatant rotundity that so often mars a bass organ, and in addition to its fine resonant quality, is of genuine sweetness, capable of those languishing attenuations into a thread of sound, which are hopelessly bad in a poor singer, but wonderfully effective in the legitimate use of one whose artistry can spin them steady and without flaw.

In the "ballad" numbers, such as the last on the program, this nice regulation of the pianissimo was supremely good; and equally well Mr. Tew can muster both a gradual and a sudden forte that gives the dramatic force of his interpretation compelling emphasis. He proved himself, in short, a singer of large native gift and elegant art; a singer of exemplary taste as well, whose range of interpretation included an appreciation of the humorous as well as of the heroic.

istake in the valuation of that agonizing bluff, "A Sc Only a mistake in the valuation of that agonizing bluff, "A Soul's Tragedy," by Fairbanks, could have foisted it upon a discriminating audience; but in blothing that from memory there is laft the recollection of delightful and distinctive recital which was enjoyed by a good sized audience. At Mr. Whitney Tew's next recital the first part will comprise songs of Schubert, Schumann, Franz and Brahms. In the second part Mr. Tew will perform the Rossetti translation of Burger's "Lenore," to which music has been set by Listt—a dramatic recitation. The third part will be devoted to new songs by the American composers. songs by the American como

The first Detmold symphony concert opened with Grieg's overture, "Im Herbst," by the local regimental band. under Director Hubert. Other numbers by the orchestra were Beethoven's B major symphony, and the czardas from the opera "Der Geist des Wowoden," by Grossmann. 章 章

In a benefit concert of the Hamburg Concert Orchestra of Professor P. Spengel, the 'cellist, Heinrich Kruse played the second 'cello concerto of Saint-Saëns (a piece new to Hamburg), and by his fine execution and interpretation of the difficult piece earned it an enthusiastic re-

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The first performance of "Die Nazarener," by V. Hausmann, was given at the Brunswick Court Theater lately, and was an important musical event. The composer (the well known accompanist of the Udel Quartet) displays



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FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Washington, D. C., January 12, 1907. The week of January 2 to 9 was made remarkable by the appearance of the three Eastern symphony orchestras, the Philadelphia on January 2, the New York on January 3, and the Boston on January 8. The programs were so

were difficult, if not presumptuous.

The Philadelphia Orchestra is certainly growing daily in excellence under the skillful leadership of Fritz Scheel. A novelty was introduced in their first number-Liszt's symphony to Dante's "Divina Comedia," in the last movement of which a choir of young women from Philadelphia rendered the "Magnificat."

entirely different and equally interesting that comparison

There was almost a panic when the announcement was made that Rosenthal was delayed-the sprained thumb and consequent postponement of a previous concert was still in the public mind, and pessimists hardly enjoyed the exquisite "Swan of Tuonela," by Sibelius, which was offered while waiting, in prophesying the ultimate non-appearance of the wonderful pianist; but the fear was short lived. He came, played and conquered, as usual, in his magnificent rendering of Chopin's E minor concerto. He was recalled again and again, and at length, to have peace, gave his charming "Papillons" as encore

The time of the concert had been changed from 4.30 to 4 p. m., and many of the audience, in consequence, missed entire first number. This change, doubtless, caused the delay in Rosenthal's appearance. It may be convenient to have these afternoon concerts when, as in this case, an rganization wishes to have an evening performance Baltimore on the same day, yet to Washingtonians they are a thorn in the flesh. Perhaps the end of this century may see a hall in Washington where music may be heard from time to time in the evenings. It is hardly to be hoped for sooner, in spite of the agitation which periodical-

ly shakes the town as to its crying need.

An enthusiastic reception was accorded the New York Orchestra in a Wagner program. Alexander Saslavsky, who played the Good Friday spell from Act III of "Par sifal" in an exquisite manner, received an ovation. Especially fortunate were the two selections from "Die Walkure"-Wotan's Farewell and the Fire Music and the Ride of the Valkyries. The arrangement of the Love Music and Brangane's Warning, from "Tristan and Isolde," was encored. Walter's "Prize Song," from "Die

Meistersinger," was granted as an encore.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra closed this trinity of treats January 8. The soloist announced for this concert, Timothée Adamowski, was suffering from the grip, so instead of the Saint-Saëns concerto in B minor there was substituted Volkmann's violoncello concerto, op. 33, m admirably rendered by Heinrich Warnke, the first 'cellist of the orchestra. The opening number was Elgar's over-"In the South," op. 50, that stirring mixture of broad melody, plaintiveness, strife and exuberance; suggestive, as we are told, of the "joy of living in a balmy climate under sunny skies and amid surroundings in which the beauties of nature vie in interest with the remains and recollections of the great past of an enchanting country." Glazounoff's symphony in B flat major, No. 5, op. 55, completed the program and scored a great success. Particularly captivating is the scherzo movement, as captivating as it is difficult in execution. These modern Russian composers do not spare the performer, and when such artists as make up the Boston Orchestra speak of difficulty, it is to be feared that the public performances of this particular symphony will never be numerous enough for one to grow familiar with it.

Besides these three symphony concerts, there have been a number of recitals, notably a song recital on January 7 by Winfred Goff, baritone of the Savage Opera Company, and Thomas Evans Greene, of Washington, at the

Banquet Hall of the Raleigh Hotel, and the great Nordica concert at the National Theater January 10. Mr. Goff is ssessed of a magnificent organ and perfect interpretation, His selections were well chosen and faultlessly given. Mr. Greene was never in better voice. He gave a varied program, including a group of Irish songs, as well as Beethoven and Haydn selections. It was regrettable that there was not a larger audience.

Nordica was not at her best and seemed to suffer from either a curious attack of nervousness or indisposition. In her opening number, "Titania's Cradle," by Liza Lehmann, she stopped entirely and was led off the stage by the accompanist, E. Romayne Simmons, for whose excellent work, by the way, too great praise cannot be given. Nordica complained of a feeling in her throat as though something had lodged there, but was soon able to go on and complete her program, which consisted of English, French and German ballads—all given in true Nordica style at least. She was at her greatest, however, in her operatic selections, notably a part of the Brünnhilde music from "Die Walküre," which was given as an encore, and an aria from Erkel's opera of "Laslos." Handel's "Angels Ever Bright and Fair" and the "Song of Solomon," Peter Cornelius, also showed the fair singer to better advantage than the lighter ballads, which, while given with perfect diction and interpretation as to sentiment and style, are yet more unsuited to the artist's physique and particular aptitude.

Nevin's "Mighty Lak a Rose," given in response to an encore, brought down the house. The pianist, Charles Anthony, was but mediocre, succeeding best in his Liszt selections, which included "Gnomenreigen" and etude in D flat.

The Kneisel Quartet concert was given on the evening of January 10 at the Banquet Hall of the New Willard Hotel. The Mozart quartet in A major and "Interludium" by Glazounoff, were given for the first time. Smetana's "Aus Meinem Leben" was again heard and completed the perfect program. H. H.

Tour of the Pittsburg Orchestra.

On Monday, January 21, the Pittsburg Orchestra and its conductor, Emil Paur, will start on a long tour of the United States and Canada, in the course of which it will establish the musical fame of Pittsburg in a number of communities that it has not visited before, and will take part in one of the most significant musical demonstrations in the artistic and intellectual history of North Americaits two concerts with the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto in New York City on February 12 and 13.

The first concert of the tour will be given in Youngstown, Ohio, on Monday evening of next week and the second in Akron on Tuesday evening. The orchestra will then go to St. Thomas, Canada, by way of Detroit and give a concert there on Thursday evening. The week will be rounded out with concerts at Gault and Berlin. On the following Monday and Tuesday evenings, January 28 and 29, the orchestra will be heard in Montreal, on Wednesday in Ottawa, Thursday in Kingston and Friday in Peter On the first three evenings and on Saturday evening of the succeeding week the orchestra will give concerts in Toronto with the Mendelssohn Choir, and on Thursday and Friday at Hamilton and Guelph alone. On Monday evening. February 11, the orchestra and the Mendelssohn Choir will give a concert in Buffalo and on the following two evenings in Carnegie Hall, New York. The chorus will then return home. The orchestra will have a ncert in Brooklyn on Tuesday evening. Northampton. Mass., Friday evening, and Worcester, Saturday evening.

On Monday evening, February 18, in Symphony Hall, Boston, the orchestra will give its first concert in that city, and Mr. Paur, as pianist, will be the soloist. He was for

five years conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. On Tuesday the orchestra will play in Springfield, on Wednesday in Princeton, N. J., and on Friday and Saturday in York, Pa. It then will return home for concerts on March

THE LIEDERKRANZ JUBILEE.

The Deutscher Liederkranz, one of New York's great German singing societies, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of its foundation with a gala concert and banquet aturday evening, June 12, at its spacious clubhouse in East Fifty-eighth street. Arthur Claassen, the leader of the society, arranged a splendid musical program for the jubilee, which was carried out with true festival spirit and elan. The chief interest centered around the "Deutscher Festgesang," composed especially for the occasion by Mr. Claassen, to words written by Emanuel Baruch. The ringing patriotism of the text found its echo in the uncommonly virile musical setting, and the society's performance of the rousing work helped it to a real triumph.

Other interesting numbers on the program were the or-chestra's excellent playing of the "Tannhäuser" overture, and Saint-Saēns' "Prélude du Déluge," and the Liederkranz Chorus' finished singing of short works by Zoellner, Weber and Dambke, and a new composition of larger pretensions, "Die Sehnsucht," by Georg Schumann. choral performances reflected brilliant credit on the care

and resourcefulness of the gifted leader.

Mary Hissem de Moss, in an aria from Haydn's "Creation," quite outshone the other singing "star" of the program, Aloys Burgstaller. Mrs. De Moss' rich, clear, well trained soprano voice and warm hearted and convincing delivery stood in notable contrast to Burgstaller's oversentimentalized and astonishingly effeminate handling of "Freischütz" aria and several short songs. obligato of the Saint-Saens number, Richard Arnold distinguished himself signally with his large tone and musicianly phrasing.

Following the concert, banqueting, speech making and merriment in general were kept up until a late hour and made a convivial ending to the most brilliant night in the history of the Liederkranz.

Kaltenborn Quartet Program.

The Kaltenborn Quartet will give the first concert of this season in Mendelssohn Hall, tonight. Stephanic Verbouwens, a pianist, who has studied with Marmontel, in Paris, will assist in presenting the following program:

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The intendent of the Frankfort Opera House has invited Gustav Mahler to direct his sixth symphony there, and Mahler has accepted the invitation.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J .- George Vernon Butler, the English tenor, and his wife, Inez Jolivet Butler, violinist, united in a fine program at a recital given by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spear, of Metuchen, for the benefit of St. Luke's Church.

WATERTOWN, N. Y .- Violin pupils of Alfred O. Crofts were heard at a concert in Lyric Hall recently, assisted by the soprano, Mrs. S. A. Barbour. Mirabel Kelley played the piano accompaniments for the youthful violinists. Among the Croft students who distinguished themselves were: Frederick Titze, in a performance of the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria"; Louise Miller, aged ten, in a serenade by Pabst; Lester H. Inglis, in a number by Wieniawski; Viola Kummer and Augustus Titze, in favorite pieces.

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THE BOSTON SYMPHONY CONCERTS.

An attestation of undying admiration for Beethoven and high esteem for Dr. Muck and the Boston Symphony Orchestra was given by the large and representative audience which filled Carnegie Hall, Thursday night, January The program was composed wholly of the works of the immortal composer, and not one person in the vast assemblage found it prolix or wanting in variety. The scheme was this: The "Egmont" overture, the violin concerto and the seventh symphony. The soloist was Willy Hess, concertmaster of the orchestra

These works long have been familiar to the concert goers of New York, who have heard various interpretation under the batons of many different conductors. The audience did not expect new readings or novel effects and seemed perfectly content with Dr. Muck's dignified, sane and forceful presentation of the two orchestral works, and with Professor Hess' virile, scholarly and polished interpretation of the concerto, to which noble work might aptly be applied a paraphrase of Shakespeare's eulogium to Cleopatra: "Age cannot wither nor custom stale its infinite variety."

This scheme not only afforded new proofs of Dr. Muck's distinction as a conductor, but disclosed his sound judg-ment as a program maker. The Beethoven feast was provided simply for the delectation of his devotees, no commemorate his birth or death or any other anniversary.

The "Egmont" overture, which enlisted the full resources of the orchestra, proved an impressive and brilliant open ing. It seemed to vitalize the atmosphere with musical oxygen. A spirit of joyousness pervaded the audience, whose pleasure was unalloyed. It is a trite tribute to the orchestra to declare that its playing was beyond criticism.

Since Beethoven's violin concerto was first played in New York, by Vieuxtemps, November 17, 1844, eral years later by Sivori, nearly every distinguished vio-linist who has visited this city has deemed it essential to essay the work. It is a test for musicianship rather than for virtuosity, and allows the violinist little scope for originality of interpretation. Only a bold innovator would dare to depart from the time honored, conventional treat-Willie Hess performed it with masterly precision, delightful suavity and commanding dignity. He disclosed both elegance and virility and a complete comprehension of the inherent beauties of the work. The plummet of his genius sounded its depths and his subtle art revealed its meaning. The violinist was animated by the true Bee thoven spirit, and when his violin spoke it carried the message of the composer. Throughout the three movements Hess did not once stray from the pitch; his intonation was flawless. In the first movement he played Joachim's famous cadenza, and, between the second and third movements, used Laub's.

If such an audience as attended this concert were required to decide upon the comparative merits of all the Beethoven symphonies, the seventh assuredly would receive many votes. It is not so popular as the fifth, or the "Eroica," for it is not so often played, but this is the only reason. At this late day it were little less than presumption to essay an analysis or even a description of this symphony. As Dr. Muck, baton in hand, led the Boston men through the harmonic mazes of this sublime work. the audience realized the presence of a masterful man, whose genius dominated all within range of his influence The orchestra's playing, for precision, finish, spirit and intelligence, reached the highest altitude of instrumental The glorification of Beethoven resulted in a glorifica-

tion of Dr. Carl Muck and the Boston Symphony Or

The Saturday afternoon concert of the organization, on January 12, was given without a soloist, but strict truth compels the admission that the entertainment was not a whit less enjoyable on that account. Edward Elgar's overture, "In the South"; George W. Chadwick's symphonic poem, "Cleopatra"; Georg Schumann's "Variations and Fugue on a Merry Theme," and Wagner's "Rienzi" overture constituted the program. All these compositions have been reviewed in THE MUSICAL COURIER, and there is no reason at this time to change the estimates already set down in this paper regarding them. The Elgar over ture, on the occasion of its première here in a New York Symphony concert, was called one of the celebrated English composer's weaker efforts, and it was pointed out that the work possesses no individuality and would sound as dull by any other name, for instance, "In the North." Chadwick's symphonic poem was reviewed by THE MU-SICAL COURIER on the occasion of the Worcester Festival, in 1905. The critic on that occasion called attention to the fine orchestral workmanship of the composer, his resourceful contrasting of the martial and amorous elements of his musical story, and the real beauty of his thematic material. After two years the "Cleopatra" has lost none its interest or effectiveness. If memory serves correctly, the Philharmonic Society first played Schumann's 'Variations" here, or perhaps it was the New York Symphony. The point is not important in this discuss At any rate, at its initial hearing in New York, THE MUSICAL COURIER set down the composition of the lesser Schumann as an amiable piece of harmless humor, well orchestrated, and pleasant in melodic and harmonic treat-The "Rienzi" overture was at once recognized by THE MUSICAL COURIER as the work of the greatest co poser of his period. Records reveal the fact that this journal stood alone in its fight for the cause of Wagner, time when every other American newspaper the New York Evening Post-was decrying and deriding This is a matter of history, and not merely of ashim.

In the playing of the foregoing program Muck and his men were at their best, and gave tasteful, refined, and convincing readings, which netted them warm applause from a very large audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Petschnikoff Play.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Petschnikoff will give a violin ncert at Mendelssohn Hall this afternoon, Wednesday. January 16, with the following program, assisted by André Benoist at the piano:

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The German Theater, at Prague, lately gave a Sibelius evening, to which free admission was granted. This was done to prepare the public for the performance on following day at the second Philharmonic concert of the "Finlandia" of Sibelius, and to display the composer from Acknowledged by press and public as second to none.

CHAMBER MUSIC EXTRAORDINARY.

Hugo Heermann, violinist, and Ernesto Consolo, pianist, who have been giving chamber music concerts in Chicago which have been the musical events of the season in that city, have been prevailed upon to make a joint appearance in New York, and they will come here for a single sonata recital, to be given at Mendelssohn Hall on Monday afternoon, January 28, under the management of Haensel & Jones. The program is to be as follows:

Sonata, D minor, Brahms, Sonata, A major, Mozart. Sonata, E flat major, Strauss.

Neither Heermann nor Consolo need any special introduction to the readers of THE MUSICAL COURIER, for the former's many successes all over the musical world have been chronicled countless times by the correspondents of this paper. Consolo, while considerably younger than Heermann, also has been an indefatigable traveler, and well informed music lovers remember the descriptions of his pianistic deeds in London, Paris, Berlin, Leipsic, Vienna, Rome, Milan, Christiania, Copenhagen, etc., and in fact, every European city where symphony orchestras engage pianists, and the public supports piano recitals.

Heermann's reputation as an exponent of the classical olin literature is on a par with that of Joachim, while Consolo hitherto has won his most striking successes as an interpreter of the modern and ultra-modern piano reper-However, his musical training was obtained in Leipsic, and that city's leading critics have given unbounded praise to his Bach, Brahms and Beethoven playing. may be considered, therefore as a musician thoroughly grounded in the classics, who is by nature and tempera ment also a warm sympathizer and interpreter of the Romantic and "realistic" schools of music.

Heermann and Consolo have combined their various qualities of training and temperament into an ensemble as arly ideal as anything well can be on this imperfect vale Their interpretations err neither on the side of pedantry nor of artistic license, and in Chicago pleased the most captious conservative as well as the most unbridled emotionalist. True art is always recognized by the hearer capable of appreciating it, no matter what his individual The Heermann-Consolo con sympathies or preferences. certs-there were four of them in all-completely captured the cultured music lover of Chicago, and proved that Dr Ziegfeld had builded with shrewd foresight when he at tached those two great artists last year to the faculty of his Chicago College of Music.

The many enthusiastic press notices about the Heermann-Consolo concerts are much too long to be reproduced here, and even excerpts are not feasible, because it is impossible to select the highest praise when all the eulogies are superlative.

There is no doubt that New York is destined to hear exceptional things when Heermann and Consolo make their appearance at Mendelssohn Hall on the 26th, and no sincere lover of chamber music, who seeks the opportunity to hear music in its highest, purest form, interpreted in the noblest, most inspired and intellectual manner, should

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